



MEMORANDUM

Los Angeles World Airports

Date: JUL 05 2016

Memo To: Joaquin Mendez, Lieutenant Serial # 92310

From: Patrick M. Gannon, Deputy Executive Director – Security/Public Safety

Subject: Notice of Intent to Administer Disciplinary Action CF#15-099

COMPLAINT

This is a Department initiated complaint.

ADJUDICATION

The investigation resulted in four (4) allegations against you. The allegations are listed below with classification and supporting rationale.

SUMMARY

On September 20, 2015, Lt. Joaquin Mendez (Internal Affairs Unit, Officer-in-Charge at the time of the incident) was informed by Sgt. Barron (Assistant Watch Commander, Patrol Services Section, Watch 2) that Airport Police Officer [REDACTED] was arrested and placed in custody by the [REDACTED] Police Department for a domestic violence incident with his then live-in girlfriend [REDACTED]. On that same day, September 20, 2015, Mendez and Barron called [REDACTED]. Mendez explained to her the emergency protective order and the temporary restraining order procedures that were served by the [REDACTED] police officers. Mendez explained to [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] P.D. would complete a criminal investigation and that Airport Police would complete the administrative investigation to determine if [REDACTED] had violated Department policy as a result of the domestic violence incident. Mendez called [REDACTED] by phone a second time that day to ask her when she was going to move out of [REDACTED] home.

On September 21, 2015, Mendez assigned the administrative investigation to Sgt. II William Handley. Mendez told Handley that Mendez would assist with the investigation because he was the investigator on-call the night of the incident and clarified that Handley would have primary responsibility for the investigation. Subsequently, on different occasions between September 21 and November 13, Mendez talked on the phone with [REDACTED] in reference to the protective orders and court proceedings and personally saw [REDACTED] at her home and at the Court hearings, in correlation to Mendez's official duties as the Officer-in Charge of the Internal Affairs Unit. On the occasions in which Mendez visited [REDACTED] at her home or saw her at Court hearings, Mendez was accompanied by either Sergeant II Iraldo or Sergeant II Handley.

At a later unknown date, Mendez and [REDACTED] talked about the 6th Street Bridge Festival taking place on October 25, 2015 and agreed to attend the festival together. Mendez admitted that he started a consensual sexual relationship with [REDACTED] on October 25, 2015 and continued the personal relationship with [REDACTED] until November 24, 2015.

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ALLEGATION 1

The Los Angeles Airport Police Division alleges Lieutenant Mendez was involved in misconduct when he used his official position as the Internal Affairs Unit, Officer-in-Charge to start and develop a consensual sexual relationship with [REDACTED] who was the victim of a domestic violence incident and live-in girlfriend of Airport Police Officer [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in violation of the following:

LAWA Administrative Manual Section 5.020.A.1 Misconduct, on or off the Job, Seriously Reflecting on City Employees or Employment – Using official position or office for personal gain or advantage.

CLASSIFICATION

- I classify **ALLEGATION (1)** as **SUSTAINED**.

RATIONALE

The investigation supports that the consensual sexual relationship that Lt. Mendez initiated with [REDACTED] resulted from a contact in his official position, as the Officer-in Charge of the Internal Affairs Unit, during the investigation of the Internal Affairs complaint for Officer [REDACTED] as the accused perpetrator of the domestic violence incident against [REDACTED]

ALLEGATION 2

The Los Angeles Airport Police Division alleges Lieutenant Mendez was involved in misconduct when he engaged in a conflict of interest activity, as the Officer-in-Charge of Internal Affairs Unit, when he engaged in a consensual sexual relationship with [REDACTED] (live-in girlfriend of Officer [REDACTED] while Mendez was one of the Internal Affairs investigators in the administrative investigation for [REDACTED] in violation of the following:

LAWA Administrative Manual Section 5.020.A.2 Misconduct, on or off the Job, Seriously Reflecting on City Employees or Employment – Engaging in any employment, activity or enterprise which constitutes a conflict of interest.

CLASSIFICATION

- I classify **ALLEGATION (2)** as **SUSTAINED**.

RATIONALE

The investigation supports that Lt. Mendez engaged in a conflict of interest activity when he developed a consensual sexual relationship with [REDACTED] while Mendez was the Officer-in Charge of the Internal Affairs Unit and one of the investigators in the Administrative Investigation in which [REDACTED] was the victim of a domestic violence incident and one of the witnesses in the Internal Affairs investigation conducted and supervised by Mendez against [REDACTED]

ALLEGATION 3

The Los Angeles Airport Police Division alleges Lieutenant Mendez was involved in misconduct when he used poor judgment in initiating a consensual sexual relationship with [REDACTED] when the relationship resulted from his contact with [REDACTED] while Mendez was acting in his official position as the Internal Affairs Unit OIC and while overseeing the investigation in which [REDACTED] was a victim of domestic violence and a witness to the Administrative Investigation that resulted from the domestic violence incident involving [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in violation of the following:

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LAWA Administrative Manual Section 5.020.B.1 (Job Performance Below Standard) - A violation of Departmental rules, as outlined in the LAWA Police Manual Section 5/8.14-Conduct Unbecoming an Airport Police Division Employee.

CLASSIFICATION

- I classify **ALLEGATION (3)** as **SUSTAINED**.

RATIONALE

The investigation supports that Lt. Mendez's relationship with [REDACTED] was improper and may negatively reflect directly on Mendez and the Los Angeles Airport Police. When a police employee is found to have engaged in conduct that is improper, they are criticized far more severely than comparable conduct of persons in other walks of life. Since the conduct of police employees, on or off duty, may reflect negatively upon the Los Angeles Airport Police, employees must at all times conduct themselves in a manner which does not bring discredit to themselves, the Los Angeles Airport Police or the City of Los Angeles.

ALLEGATION 4

The Los Angeles Airport Police Division alleges that Lt. Mendez was involved in misconduct when he abused and/or inappropriately used his Peace Officer status to start an off-duty relationship that resulted in a consensual sexual relationship with [REDACTED] while he was overseeing the Administrative Investigation of a domestic violence incident in which [REDACTED] was the victim of a domestic violence crime and a witness to the Internal Affairs investigation.

LAWA Administrative Manual Section 5.020.H.4-Standard of Conduct for Peace Officers; Abuse or inappropriate use of Peace Officer status.

CLASSIFICATION

- I classify **ALLEGATION (4)** as **SUSTAINED**.

RATIONALE

The investigation supports Mendez's relationship with [REDACTED] resulted from his initial contact as the Internal Affairs Unit Officer-in Charge, while he was investigating an allegation of misconduct in which [REDACTED] was the victim of a domestic violence crime and witness to the Administrative Investigation that was initiated and supervised by Mendez.

PENALTY

I propose Lieutenant Mendez be **TERMINATED** from City Employment.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSIGHT

The investigation demonstrated that Lt. Mendez used poor judgment when he engaged in a sexual relationship with [REDACTED]. Although, both were consenting adults, the fact that the relationship started from an on-duty contact while Mendez was the Officer-in Charge of the Internal Affairs Unit and while investigating an Internal Affairs complaint in which [REDACTED] was the victim of a domestic violence incident and a witness to the administrative investigation, reflects poorly on Mendez and the Los Angeles Airport Police. Mendez's poor judgment in engaging in a sexual relationship with [REDACTED] gives the appearance that Mendez took advantage of his official position and [REDACTED] circumstances as a domestic violence victim to initiate the sexual relationship.

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Training Issues

None

Workplace Issues

None

Work / Disciplinary History Analysis

Lt. Mendez has no previous, similar disciplinary history.

Actions Taken

None

Recommendations

None

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DUE PROCESS

You have the right to an administrative appeal of this proposed disciplinary action. The intended purpose of the administrative appeal is for you to provide additional information for the Department to consider as it relates to the proposed discipline; and/or to rebut the charges made against you. If you choose to exercise this right, you must respond and schedule your Skelly Hearing within five (5) working days of receipt of this notice. Therefore, you must respond by:

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You need not go through the chain of command and may schedule an appointment by contacting Bertha Melgar in the Chief's Office at (424) 646-7169, or you may submit a written rebuttal addressing each allegation/s. You have the right to be represented by an attorney or by an authorized representative of your employee organization during this meeting. If you choose to respond as outlined above, your response will be considered before final action is taken.

Failure to exercise your rights within the time limit stated above shall be deemed an admission of the charges. If you choose not to respond, the Department will proceed with the proposed penalty.

All documentation relating to this investigation will be forwarded to Human Resources Division for processing. The cause(s) of action leading to your suspension as well as the specific dates of penalty will be issued to you on a Form General 77, Notice of Discharge, Suspension, or Probationary Termination.

EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	PROOF OF SERVICE
I have received a copy of this document. My signature acknowledges receipt of materials, but does not indicate concurrence with the recommendations in this matter.	I have served this document to the employee.
EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE	SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE
SERIAL NO. DATE	SERIAL NO. DATE

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cc: Internal Affairs
LAWA Human Resources
LAWA City Attorney's Office

June 10, 2016

Lieutenant Vern Williams
Executive Officer
Los Angeles World Airports
1 World Way
Los Angeles, California 90045

Re: *Investigation Report*
Client-Matter: LO132/005

Dear Lieutenant Williams:

Enclosed please find the investigation report for case 15-099 with exhibits.

If you need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

LIEBERT CASSIDY WHITMORE


Jennifer M. Rosner 

JMR:btp
Enclosure

INVESTIGATION REPORT

SUMMARY

On November 23, 2015, attorney [REDACTED] and President of the Los Angeles World Airport Police Officers Association Officer Marshall McClain met with Chief of Police Patrick Gannon. They informed Chief Gannon that they had photographs of Lieutenant Joaquin Mendez spending time outside of work with [REDACTED] the former girlfriend of Officer [REDACTED], who is employed by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) as a peace officer. (Exhibit 4) [REDACTED] and Marshall were concerned that this created a conflict of interest because Mendez was overseeing an internal affairs (IA) investigation of Officer [REDACTED] regarding alleged domestic violence by [REDACTED] against [REDACTED]¹ (Exhibits 1, 7)

ALLEGATION

LAWA Administrative Manual, Section 5.020.A.2 – Engaging in any employment, activity or enterprise which constitutes a conflict of interest.

INVESTIGATION

A. Officers Responded To [REDACTED] Home Regarding Alleged Domestic Violence Incident

On September 20, 2015, [REDACTED] Police Department responded to the home of Officer [REDACTED] in response to an alleged domestic violence incident with his then live-in girlfriend [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] contacted LAWA and spoke to Watch Commander Sergeant Eren Barron. [REDACTED] reported that he had an “incident” with his girlfriend and needed someone to respond to his house. Barron called the on-call IA investigator, Lieutenant Joaquin Mendez, but could not reach him. Barron called Sergeant Aleta Iraldo when he could not locate Mendez and then Iraldo called Mendez. Iraldo told Mendez that Barron was looking for him and that the call had something to do with [REDACTED]. Iraldo also notified Sergeant William Handley that [REDACTED] had been arrested for violating Penal Code section 273.5 and that he was in custody.

B. Mendez Oversees An IA Investigation of [REDACTED] and His Official Contact With [REDACTED]

On September 20, 2015, police officers from the [REDACTED] Police Department served [REDACTED] with an emergency protective order and escorted him to his home to retrieve his belongings. That same day, Mendez and Barren called [REDACTED]. Mendez had previously met [REDACTED] during the Tommy Scott Memorial Ride in April 2015 but had not seen her since. Mendez explained the emergency protective order and temporary restraining order procedures to her. They explained to her that there was going to be a criminal investigation conducted by the [REDACTED] Police Department and an administrative investigation conducted by LAWA to determine whether [REDACTED] had violated Department policy as a result of what occurred that day. Mendez spoke to [REDACTED] by phone a second time that day about when she was going to move out of [REDACTED].

¹ This report follows the investigation format requested by LAWA.

home. ██████ told Mendez that she would let him know when she had moved out of the house so that Mendez could let ██████ know when he could regain entry into his home.

On September 21, 2015, Mendez assigned the IA investigation to Handley. Mendez told Handley that Mendez would assist with the investigation because he was the investigator on call the night of the incident, but that Handley would have primary responsibility for the investigation. That same day, Handley and Mendez gave ██████ an order putting him on administrative leave.

C. Mendez Maintained Communication With ██████ During the IA Investigation

Mendez recalled speaking to ██████ again on September 21, 2015. ██████ told him that she had moved out of the house and was seeking a temporary restraining order against ██████. They also spoke about scheduling her administrative interview. Within a couple of days of the alleged domestic violence incident, Mendez and Handley interviewed ██████ at ██████ home.

On approximately September 21 or 22, 2015, ██████ called Mendez to tell him that she had obtained a temporary restraining order against ██████. Mendez went with Iraldo to ██████ home on approximately September 22, 2015, to obtain a copy of the temporary restraining order paperwork so that they could serve it on ██████. He also spoke to ██████ a few times after that because she had questions about the restraining order process and what was going to happen. Mendez explained the process to her. On approximately 22, 2015, Mendez personally served the temporary restraining order paperwork on ██████ at the LAWA station on World Way West.

During one of the court hearings, ██████ and ██████ told Mendez that ██████ was posting about the case to her Instagram page. Shortly after the hearing, ██████ removed all of the posts and changed the setting of her Instagram account to private. ██████ and ██████ thought that Mendez may have advised ██████ to remove her posts. Mendez denied ever telling ██████ that she should take down any of her Instagram posts. He recalled that Mena had told him that she had been assigned to a victim's advocate and that the advocate had suggested she remove the pictures concerning the case on her Instagram page. Neither ██████ nor ██████ saw Mendez speaking to ██████ at the court hearings.

D. ██████ And His Attorney Discover Information About A Possible Relationship Between ██████ and Mendez

On October 25, 2015, ██████ looked at ██████ Instagram page to see if ██████ had posted anything else about him or the Department. He saw photographs and a video that contained a red '58 Impala convertible taken at the 6th Street Bridge Festival. (Exhibit 4.) The video also showed the interior of the car and ██████ purse and belongings on the seat. ██████ heard ██████ say, "look at me, I'm rolling." He saw a male Hispanic face ██████. ██████ stated that he could not see the full face and could not identify the man from the video footage. The video depicted ██████ stating, "pick me up and kiss me." ██████ was wearing a red shirt with blue jeans. The video then panned to the car and ended.

████████ had a "hunch" that the male in the video was Mendez because Mendez is a classic car collector. ██████ took a picture of the license plate of the car in the video, and called his

attorney and asked her to run the license plate number. He told her, "I just have a feeling that it's somebody that I know." Their private investigator, [REDACTED], ran the license plate and the search came back that the car was registered to Mendez. [REDACTED] stated that the day after the 6th Street Bridge Festival, [REDACTED] posted on Instagram, "you live, you learn, you upgrade." He took that statement to mean that she had upgraded from him (an officer) to Mendez (a lieutenant).

[REDACTED] investigator also found additional photographs online of Mendez' car that had been taken at the festival. (Exhibit 5.) [REDACTED] stated that he was able to identify [REDACTED] and Mendez from the pictures. In one of the pictures, he said that he could identify [REDACTED] standing against the car. In another picture (which depicts the backs of male and female heads driving off in the car together), [REDACTED] stated that he recognized the back of the male's head as Mendez and the back of the female's head as [REDACTED]. He said that he also could identify Mendez by the flannel shirt that he was wearing. [REDACTED] stated that you could identify [REDACTED] because the earrings matched those that [REDACTED] was wearing in the other photographs.

Attorney [REDACTED] also indicated that she received an email from the District Attorney stating that [REDACTED] had admitted to having a sexual relationship with Mendez. [REDACTED] told the District Attorney that the relationship started after the domestic violence incident and that they met during the IA investigation against [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] indicated that she would send the investigator a copy of the email but never did. She did not recall the date of the email during her interview.

E. Mendez Admits Sexual Relationship With [REDACTED] Starting October 25, 2015

During this investigation, Mendez admitted that he started a sexual relationship with [REDACTED] on October 25, 2015.² Mendez stated that his relationship with [REDACTED] was consensual. Mendez stated that he and [REDACTED] had a discussion about the 6th Street Bridge Festival event that was going to take place on October 25, 2015 (he could not recall the date of this conversation with [REDACTED]). Mendez is interested in classic cars and mentioned to [REDACTED] that his classic car was going to be at the event. [REDACTED] sent Mendez a flyer about the event and they decided to go together.

When asked about the status of the IA investigation of [REDACTED] as of October 25, 2015, Mendez stated, "I think we were just trailing the developments of the permanent restraining order and the criminal trial, because I think that by that point the district attorney had already made a decision to file criminal charges and to go ahead with – with formal charges against Mr. [REDACTED]." Findings with respect to the IA investigation had not yet been made.

Mendez acknowledged that it was not appropriate for him to have a sexual relationship with [REDACTED] during an ongoing IA investigation. He stated that he feels humiliated that he is in this situation and regrets it. Prior to October 25, 2015, Mendez had not seen [REDACTED] except pursuant to his official job duties. Mendez said that he did not have any on duty sexual contact with [REDACTED]. Mendez did not tell anyone that he had started a relationship with [REDACTED]. Mendez was not aware of the photographs from the 6th Street Bridge Festival until he was placed on administrative

² [REDACTED] refused to cooperate with this internal affairs investigation against Mendez. Accordingly, the investigator could not verify the dates or nature of their relationship with her.

leave. He saw [REDACTED] take a picture by his car at the 6th Street Bridge Festival but she had told him, "don't worry, I'm not going to post them."

Mendez said that after October 25, 2015, [REDACTED] continued to talk to him about [REDACTED] his abuse of her, her relationship with him and the criminal case but did not tell him anything differently than what she previously told him. Mendez also continued to attend court hearings related to [REDACTED] criminal trial. For example, on November 13, 2015, he attended a pre-trial hearing. After the hearing, he and Handley interviewed [REDACTED] daughters at the courthouse.

Mendez ended the relationship with [REDACTED] when he was put on administrative leave on November 24, 2015. (Exhibit 8.) He stated that he saw [REDACTED] outside of work on four occasions between October 25 and November 24, 2015. He indicated that the first instance was after the 6th Street Bridge Festival. After the festival, he was gone for a week at a training seminar in Virginia. The relationship commenced when he returned until he was put on administrative leave.

WITNESS SUMMARIES

Witness. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is Officer [REDACTED] criminal defense attorney. [REDACTED] indicated that she knows Mendez from several LAWA cases she has worked on. She has never represented him before. [REDACTED] spoke to Mendez over the telephone to apprise Mendez as to the status of [REDACTED] criminal case. Mendez told [REDACTED] that he was in contact with [REDACTED] about the status of the case and about her moving out of the home so that [REDACTED] could move back in. He told [REDACTED] that he was helping [REDACTED] through the process.

During one of the court proceedings, [REDACTED] saw Mendez in the hallway and they discussed that [REDACTED] was posting about the case to her Instagram page. [REDACTED] indicated that prior to the court hearing, she had looked at [REDACTED] Instagram page to see what she had posted about [REDACTED] and her alleged injuries. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] also posted about boyfriends and "moving up." [REDACTED] indicated that by the time she got back to her car, [REDACTED] had deleted all of her pictures from her Instagram page. [REDACTED] stated that she did not see Mendez speak to [REDACTED] at the courthouse but it "seems like he did." She stated that she saw Mendez texting someone while there. [REDACTED] stated that she assumed Mendez was at the courthouse to see what happened.

[REDACTED] stated that a few days after the 6th Street Bridge Festival, she was told that [REDACTED] had posted a video of her and Mendez together at the festival. She also posted some pictures of a car that was believed to be Mendez's car. At the time, [REDACTED] did not know the car belonged to Mendez. [REDACTED] saw a screen shot of [REDACTED] standing next to the car in a shirt that matched the car and posing for the photo. [REDACTED] did not see Mendez in any of the pictures. [REDACTED] watched the video but [REDACTED] removed the video from her Instagram page before they could capture it. [REDACTED] stated that in the video, Mendez was twirling [REDACTED] around. She said their bodies were "moving and distorting" [REDACTED] stated that she saw one picture of [REDACTED] sitting under an "easy-up" chair with a group of people. [REDACTED] also saw a rear shot photograph of a man driving away in his car with a female in the front seat next to him. (Exhibits 4, 5) [REDACTED] stated that this photograph was found by her investigator and was posted by someone else at the festival. [REDACTED] stated that it looked like the back of Mendez's head and the earrings on the female matched the earrings that [REDACTED] was wearing in the other photographs.

█████ stated that after the 6th Street Bridge Festival, she saw Mendez at a court hearing with Handley. █████ stated that Mendez and Handley may have been in court to “check up on what was going on.” She did not see Mendez talk to █████ at the courthouse.

█████ indicated that the District Attorney disclosed to her in an email that █████ had admitted to having a sexual relationship with Mendez. █████ told the District Attorney that the relationship started after the domestic violence incident and that they met during the IA investigation against Vasquez. Although requested, █████ did not provide a copy of the email to the investigator and could not recall the date of the email at the time of the interview.

█████ met with Chief Gannon and McClain and told them that she believed that Mendez was in a relationship with █████ (Exhibit 7.) She showed them the pictures she had from the 6th Street Bridge Festival. (Exhibits 4.) █████ thought it inappropriate that he was trying to set up an administrative interview with █████ when he was in a relationship with the alleged victim █████. █████ said the Chief was very appropriate, interested and wanted to investigate the matter.

Witness, Belinda Nettles. Belinda Nettles is a Sergeant II and is currently assigned to Internal Affairs as an Investigator. She has been employed with LAWA since 1996. Mendez is her supervisor since she was assigned to Internal Affairs in September 2014. Prior to September 2014, she was the Public Information Officer assigned to the Office of the Chief.

On November 18, 2015, Nettles and Mendez went to █████ home to do a “door knock.” A door knock is a visit to an officer’s home when the officer is on administrative leave for the purpose of making sure the officer is home during his scheduled on duty hours. They knocked on the door and █████ invited them in. They had a short conversation with █████ about scheduling his administrative interview and then left.

Witness, Marshall McClain. Marshall McClain has been a peace officer for 18 years and has worked with LAWA for 10 years. McClain is the union president. On September 21, 2015, he became aware of an investigation against Officer █████ involving an incident that occurred on September 20, 2015, because █████ needed a union representative. He believes Mendez was responsible for conducting the administrative investigation against █████. █████ called McClain and stated that he needed a “rep.”

█████ attorney █████ told McClain that she had an investigator looking into whether Mendez was having a relationship with █████. █████ told McClain that she had informed the District Attorney’s office about the allegation. She also told McClain that the head of IA should not be investigating someone and then “carrying on this way with the alleged victim. That’s just – that’s wrong on so many levels, not just the IA part but, you know, a police officer, police officer, you’re – you’re messing with my girlfriend or my wife.” McClain said that this conversation likely happened in November 2015.

McClain went to a meeting with Chief Gannon and █████ towards the end of November, 2015. █████ told the Chief that the District Attorney had commenced an investigation into whether Mendez was having an improper relationship with █████. █████ also indicated that she had social media pictures of Mendez’ vehicle with █████ posing by the vehicle. (Exhibits 4, 7.)

McClain went online to see if he could find any of the pictures of [REDACTED] and Mendez at the 6th Street Bridge Festival but the pictures had been removed.

McClain stated that he “absolutely” saw a conflict of interest if Mendez had more than a professional relationship with [REDACTED] because Mendez was investigating her significant other [REDACTED] and a friendship could impact his impartiality.

Witness. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has worked for LAWA for 9 years. On September 20, 2015, [REDACTED] Police Department responded to his home following an alleged domestic violence incident with his then live-in girlfriend. [REDACTED] contacted LAWA and spoke to Watch Commander Barron. He reported that he had an “incident” with his girlfriend and needed someone to respond to his house. Sergeant Ino met [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] Police Department jail, where he was being processed, and removed [REDACTED] badge and weapon. Mendez called [REDACTED] at the jail to give him words of encouragement and support. [REDACTED] police officers served [REDACTED] with an emergency protective order and he was escorted home to retrieve his belongings.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] posted pictures on her Instagram page of her alleged bruises and face, information about domestic violence, about how she was a victim and about [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said that it was common knowledge around the Department that [REDACTED] was posting pictures and information about him on Instagram and that he received phone calls from other officers asking him about it.

[REDACTED] saw Mendez and Iraldo at the hearing for the temporary restraining order. [REDACTED] stated that he introduced Mendez and [REDACTED] in April 2015 at the Tommy Scott Motorcycle Ride event. He does not hang out with Mendez socially. At the hearing, [REDACTED] stated that Mendez offered him words of support and told him to “hang in there” and “be strong.” He told him that he had been through “this,” that he knew what [REDACTED] was going through and “whatever you need, I’m here for you.” Iraldo also told [REDACTED] “hang in there” and “you’re a good guy. You know, we want you back. You know, be strong, be positive. Whatever you need, I’m here for you.”

Mendez asked [REDACTED] “how’s it look” and [REDACTED] told Mendez that it looked good and that they had hired a private investigator. [REDACTED] stated that Mendez looked surprised and then started to use his cell phone. Mendez told [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that he had to go make copies and would be back. [REDACTED] stated that less than an hour after his conversation with Mendez, [REDACTED] had removed all of her pictures from her Instagram page and changed her account status to “private.” [REDACTED] stated that he had last checked [REDACTED] Instagram page before Court that morning. [REDACTED] did not see Mendez talking to [REDACTED] at the courthouse. The temporary restraining order hearing was continued and shortly after their conversation with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Mendez and Iraldo left the courthouse.

On October 25, 2015, [REDACTED] looked on [REDACTED] Instagram page to see if she had posted anything else about him or the Department. He saw a video that contained a red ’58 Impala convertible at a festival. The video showed the interior of the car and [REDACTED] purse and belongings on the seat. [REDACTED] heard [REDACTED] say, “look at me, I’m rolling.” He saw a male Hispanic face [REDACTED]

██████████ stated that he could not see his full face and could not identify the man from the video footage. The video depicted ██████████ and she stated, "pick me up and kiss me." ██████████ was wearing a red shirt with blue jeans. The video then panned to the car and then ended. ██████████ had a "hunch" that the male in the video to be Mendez because he is a classic car collector. ██████████ took a picture of the license plate of the car, called his attorney and asked her to run the license plate number. He told her, "I just have a feeling that it's somebody that I know." The private investigator, ██████████ ran the license plate, which revealed that it was registered to Mendez. The next day, ██████████ posted on Instagram, "you live, you learn, you upgrade." ██████████ took that statement to mean that ██████████ had upgraded from him (an officer) to Mendez (a lieutenant).

██████████ also saw pictures that ██████████ had posted on her Instagram page. In addition, ██████████ investigator found photographs online of Mendez' car that had been taken at the festival. ██████████ stated that he was able to identify ██████████ and Mendez from the pictures. In one of the pictures, he said that he could identify ██████████ standing against the car. In another picture (which depicts the backs of male and female heads seated side by side in a car), ██████████ stated that he recognized the back of the male's head as Mendez and the back of the female's head as ██████████. He said that he also could identify Mendez by the flannel shirt that he was wearing.

On November 17, 2015, Mendez and Nettles went to ██████████ home. ██████████ was surprised. They knocked on the door and since the door was open, Mendez called in that they were in the area and decided to check on him. Mendez asked if they could come in and ██████████ said yes. Mendez asked ██████████ how he was doing and again told him, "I'm here for you." Mendez told ██████████ to "stay strong." ██████████ said he felt uncomfortable that Mendez and Nettles "popped out of nowhere but has heard that the Department sends officers to check up on officers who are on administrative leave.

██████████ stated that he had looked up to Mendez. He said, "[w]e're talking about a lieutenant here that I have looked up to, somebody that I worked for for a while, somebody that I had a good relationship with, somebody who would – I would take a bullet for, somebody who I would put my life on the line for, and somebody who continuously called me and said, 'hey ██████████ how you doing?' You know, in person he told me, 'I'm here for you. Whatever you need. Do this, do that. Get yourself a good lawyer. Do whatever you have to do.'" ██████████ stated, "[a]ll this is going on, yet he's acting like he's my friend, you know. I don't know what he was feeding her, you know, what they were up to, what they were conspiring to do. Its just – its just ridiculous that he took that route."

██████████ did not know what role Mendez had with the IA investigation against him. He believed that Mendez was conducting the investigation until he was placed on administrative leave.

██████████ said that he heard that Mendez is "known to do that...He is known to use his scope of his duty – his scope of duties to get with exes or girlfriends of employees at LAX using his investigations." ██████████ could not identify who told him this. He said, "just random people." He stated that Mendez had an affair with Officer ██████████ wife during an investigation.

Witness, Sergeant Aleta Iraldo. Sergeant Aleta Iraldo has worked for LAWA for 15 years. She stated that on September 20, 2015, ██████████ called the Watch Commander to tell him that "he

had got into it with his girlfriend and the policy was on its way to his house, so he just wanted – and he made contact with command staff and they wanted IA to respond.” The Watch Commander that night was Barren. Barren called Iraldo because he could not locate Mendez, who was the on-call IA investigator. Iraldo called Mendez on the telephone and told him that Barren was looking for him and that the call had something to do with [REDACTED] Iraldo attended court with Mendez concerning [REDACTED] domestic violence case on two occasions.

Iraldo recalled that the domestic violence incident occurred on a Sunday and she was off work Monday. Accordingly, she believes that on Tuesday, Mendez told Iraldo that they were going to [REDACTED] home, where [REDACTED] was living, to get a copy of the restraining order. He did not talk to Iraldo about the merits of the case against [REDACTED] When Mendez and Iraldo arrived at the house, two [REDACTED] Police Department detectives were there talking to [REDACTED] about the case. [REDACTED] told Mendez that she was moving out. They then left. Iraldo stated that Mendez did not seem familiar with [REDACTED] and acted professionally. He asked her about the paperwork and then told her that if she needed anything, to call the Department. Iraldo did not look at the paperwork that [REDACTED] provided to Mendez. Iraldo stated that she could see [REDACTED] had “marks” on her. (Exhibit 6.) But she did not ask for any details.

On October 9, 2015, Iraldo went to court with Mendez for a “protection order” hearing. She believed Mendez wanted to go to the court proceeding to get a copy of the protective order. Iraldo recalled seeing [REDACTED] and his attorney leave the courthouse. Iraldo also recalled seeing [REDACTED] walk out of the courtroom and walk by like she did not see them. Mendez wanted [REDACTED] to give him a copy of whatever paperwork she received from court on that date. In the car, Mendez called [REDACTED] on the telephone and asked her where she was. [REDACTED] then walked over to their car and gave Mendez the paperwork. After they got the paperwork, Mendez went inside the courtroom to make copies. [REDACTED] sat in the car with Iraldo. [REDACTED] told Iraldo that she loved [REDACTED] and that he hit her a couple of times, and that this was not the first incident.

Iraldo said that she went back to court with Mendez on October 14, 2015 regarding either the criminal protective order or restraining order. They waited outside the courtroom until [REDACTED] and his attorney came out. Iraldo believed that the protective order got “carried over.” [REDACTED] and his attorney told them that [REDACTED] was putting pictures about the incident on Instagram. Iraldo does not recall if Mendez was present during that conversation because he left at some point to make copies of the paperwork [REDACTED] had provided to them. During that time, [REDACTED] came out of the courtroom and left. After they got the paperwork from [REDACTED] Mendez and Iraldo left the courtroom.

As they were leaving, Mendez said, “oh, let me call [REDACTED]” Iraldo asked him why he was calling her. Mendez said, “Oh, I want to get some paperwork, a copy of the paperwork.” Iraldo said, “well, I thought we got that last time.” Mendez said, “Oh, she gave me the wrong one.” Mendez called [REDACTED] and asked her if she was still at the courthouse. Iraldo believed that [REDACTED] told Mendez that she had already left. Mendez started to talk to [REDACTED] in Spanish. Iraldo did not understand what they were saying. She said that Mendez spoke to her in “his regular monotone tone.” She thought that he spoke to [REDACTED] in Spanish so she could not understand him. Iraldo stated that Mendez had not spoken to [REDACTED] in Spanish in front of her before. Iraldo did not ask Mendez what he said to [REDACTED] in Spanish. She said that the conversation lasted about ten minutes. Iraldo did not have any further involvement or knowledge about this case.

Witness, Sergeant William Handley. In 2015, LAWA's Internal Affairs unit was comprised of Mendez, Handley, Nettles, Sergeant Ralph Valencia and two non-sworn investigators. As part of his duties for the IA unit, Handley conducts administrative and criminal investigations on LAWA employees. On September 20, 2015, at approximately 5:30 p.m., Iraldo notified Handley that [REDACTED] had been arrested for Penal Code section 273.5 (domestic violence) and that he was in custody. Handley believed he talked to Mendez, who was the on-call IA investigator that evening and Mendez told Handley that he would call into the Department. The next day, Handley came into the Department and obtained a copy of the police report. Within a couple of days of the incident, he and Mendez went to [REDACTED] home to interview [REDACTED]

The next time that Handley saw [REDACTED] was a few weeks later in court. Handley indicated it is not uncommon in an IA investigation involving potential criminal allegations for someone in the IA unit to attend the court hearings. He explained that this way they get the information from the hearing right away and can inform the chain of command. He has attended restraining order hearings in the past that involved a LAWA officer.

Handley and Mendez went to [REDACTED] restraining order hearing in approximately late October or November 2015.³ Handley did not think it out of the ordinary that Mendez went to the court proceedings or witness interviews. The former IA Lieutenant was also involved in IA investigations and attended the witness interviews. The temporary restraining order hearing got postponed. Handley and Mendez interviewed [REDACTED] daughters at the courthouse, which is another reason they had attended the hearing. He did not observe anything out of the ordinary with respect to Mendez' conduct toward [REDACTED] that day.

Handley did not attend any other court hearings related to [REDACTED]. He remained in contact with [REDACTED] and his attorney to get status on the case. Handley stated that Iraldo once told him that Mendez was speaking to [REDACTED] in Spanish. Handley said it was not uncommon for officers who spoke Spanish to speak Spanish in front of him. Iraldo commented to Handley, "he shouldn't be messing with that."

Witness, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is the President and Managing director [REDACTED] and Associates, a professional investigation agency. His agency was retained by the Law Office of [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED] in September 2015 to provide investigative and consulting assistance on the criminal matter against [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was contacted by [REDACTED] about some photographs he had seen on [REDACTED] Instagram page. The photographs were dated October 30, 2015 and they depicted, according to [REDACTED] and Mendez at an event. [REDACTED] conducted an internet search of the 6th Street Bridge Festival and was able to produce additional photographs of Mendez' car, [REDACTED] and Mendez from that day. (Exhibits 4 and 5.) [REDACTED] identified [REDACTED] and Mendez in those photographs.

Subject, Joaquin Mendez. Joaquin Mendez is a Lieutenant with LAWA. He started his career at LAWA in February 1992 as a police officer trainee. He became a police officer in approximately July/August 1992. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2002 and to Lieutenant in 2011. In approximately 2013, he was assigned to oversee IA. In 2015, the Internal Affairs unit was comprised of Mendez, Sergeant Ralph Valencia, Handley, Nettles, Iraldo, Hines and Farias.

³ [REDACTED] recollection was that it was a pre-trial hearing that occurred on November 13, 2015.

The latter two were non-sworn investigators. As IA Lieutenant, Mendez reported directly to Chief Gannon.

On September 20, 2015, Mendez was on call when he received a call from Barron. Barron informed him that officers from the [REDACTED] Police Department had responded to [REDACTED] home and that [REDACTED] had been arrested as a result of a domestic violence incident with his then live-in girlfriend [REDACTED] (Exhibits 2, 3.) Mendez indicated that the IA staff took turns being on call. He explained, "if there was a major incident of misconduct, the investigator on call would respond to obtain preliminary information about the particular case, start gathering documents, make notifications to the command staff and to the Chief, and - - and basically just prepare for - for the investigation as - as it developed."

Mendez had previously met [REDACTED] during a charity motorcycle ride in April 2015. He had no further contact with her from April 2015 until September 20, 2015. On September 20, 2015, Mendez called [REDACTED] from the Watch Commander's office and put the call on speakerphone. Barron was present for the call. Mendez had obtained [REDACTED] cell phone number from Barron or Barron's supervisor. Mendez informed [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] Police Department would issue an emergency protective order to her and explained the emergency and temporary restraining order procedures to her. [REDACTED] "was worried about [REDACTED] bailing out and returning to the house, and we told her that that was very unlikely to happen because of the emergency protective order, even if he bailed out." They also explained to her that there was going to be a criminal investigation conducted by the [REDACTED] Police Department and an administrative investigation concerning whether [REDACTED] violated LAWA policy relative to the incident.

Mendez spoke to [REDACTED] again that afternoon to ask her about when she was moving out of [REDACTED] home so that Mendez could tell [REDACTED] that he could regain entry to into his home.

Mendez had a conversation with Captain Castro about whether to put [REDACTED] on administrative leave. Castro wanted to give [REDACTED] an administrative assignment and keep him at work. Mendez wanted to put him on administrative leave because that is what the Department had done for other employees who had restraining orders issued against them and could not carry a firearm as a result. Chief Gannon ultimately made the decision to put [REDACTED] on administrative leave.

On September 21, 2015, Mendez assigned the IA to Handley. Mendez told Handley that he would assist with the investigation because he was the investigator on call the night of the incident. But, he told Handley that he would have primary responsibility for the investigation. That same day, September 21, 2015, Handley and Mendez gave [REDACTED] the administrative leave order. Mendez attended the criminal hearings because he was the investigator on call when the incident occurred and because Handley was sometimes unavailable to attend.

Mendez recalled speaking to [REDACTED] again on September 21, 2015. [REDACTED] told him that she had moved out of the house and was seeking a temporary restraining order against [REDACTED]. They also spoke about interviewing her for the IA investigation. Mendez and Handley interviewed [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] home on September 21 or 22, 2015.

On approximately September 21 or 22, 2015, [REDACTED] called Mendez to tell him that she had obtained a temporary restraining order. Mendez went with Iraldo to [REDACTED] home approximately

one day after her administrative interview to obtain a copy of the temporary restraining order paperwork so that they could serve it on [REDACTED]. He also spoke to [REDACTED] on a couple of occasions because she had a lot of questions about the restraining order process and what was going to happen. Mendez explained the process to her. Mendez personally served the temporary restraining order paperwork on [REDACTED] at the LAWA station on World Way West. He said he did not have any conversation with [REDACTED] when he served the paperwork.

Mendez stated that he attended the temporary restraining order hearing approximately one week after the incident on September 20, 2015. He attended with Iraldo because Handley was unavailable. He said that the purpose for attending these hearings was to see if the restraining order was going to be granted. He said that he also wanted to attend these hearings because in his experience, officers sometimes made inaccurate statements and were less than forthright in court. [REDACTED] initiated contact with Mendez and Iraldo at the courthouse and expressed concerns about [REDACTED] retaliating against her for calling 911 and making a criminal complaint. Mendez stated that he would speak to [REDACTED] in both English and Spanish. He stated that he never spoke to [REDACTED] in Spanish because he did not want Iraldo to understand the conversation. This conversation took place in the hallway of the courthouse. Mendez said that he also spoke to [REDACTED] and his attorney and asked about his well-being.

Mendez stated that [REDACTED] would contact him over the telephone about the case because he was the first investigator that responded when the incident occurred and also because [REDACTED] told Mendez that she had left messages for Handley and he did not return them. She asked Mendez about the difference between the administrative and criminal investigations and the processes as to each.

Mendez started a sexual relationship with [REDACTED] on October 25, 2015. The IA investigation against [REDACTED] was pending. Mendez stated, "I think we were just trailing the developments of the permanent restraining order and the criminal trial, because I think that by that point the district attorney had already made a decision to file criminal charges and to go ahead with – with formal charges against Mr. [REDACTED]." The IA investigation was tolled pending the criminal trial. At the time that he started a relationship with [REDACTED] findings as to the IA investigation against [REDACTED] had not been made.

Mendez stated that his relationship with [REDACTED] was consensual. At some point during one of their conversations, they talked about the 6th Street Bridge Festival event occurring on October 25, 2015. Mendez is interested in classic cars and mentioned to [REDACTED] that his classic car was going to be at the event. [REDACTED] sent Mendez a flyer about the event and they decided to go together.

Mendez stated that it was not appropriate for him to have a sexual relationship with [REDACTED] during an ongoing IA investigation. He stated that he feels humiliated that he is in this situation and regrets it. He stated that he saw [REDACTED] outside of work on four occasions between October 25 and November 24, 2015. Prior to October 25, 2015, Mendez had not seen [REDACTED] except pursuant to his official job duties. He indicated that the first instance was after the 6th Street Bridge Festival. After the festival, he was gone for a week for a training in Virginia. The relationship commenced when he returned until he was put on administrative leave.

Mendez said that after October 25, 2015, [REDACTED] continued to talk to him about [REDACTED] his abuse of her, her relationship with him and the criminal case but did not tell him anything differently than what she previously told him.

Mendez did not have any on duty sexual contact with [REDACTED] Mendez ended the relationship with [REDACTED] when he was put on administrative leave. Mendez was placed on administrative leave on November 24, 2015. Mendez did not tell anyone that he had started a relationship with [REDACTED] Mendez was not aware of the photographs from the 6th Street Bridge Festival until he was placed on administrative leave. He saw [REDACTED] take a picture by his car that day but she had told him, "don't worry, I'm not going to post them."

Mendez attended the permanent restraining order hearing which he believed occurred a few weeks after the temporary restraining order hearing. He likely attended it with Handley. He could not recall the details of the hearing. He stated that at one of the hearings, [REDACTED] told him that his attorney had hired a private investigator. Mendez denied sharing that information with [REDACTED]

Mendez stated that he looked at [REDACTED] Instagram page when it came to his attention that she had posted photographs of her injuries and had made comments about the situation. Mendez said that he never told her to remove the photographs from her Instagram page. He recalled that [REDACTED] had told him that she had been assigned to a victim's advocate and that the advocate had suggested she remove the pictures concerning the case on her Instagram page. Mendez stated that "[REDACTED] had confided to us that the reason she did it was because she wanted the world to know what he had done to her."

Mendez was involved in three IA investigations against former peace officer [REDACTED] involving domestic violence incidents with three female complainants. Mendez stated that the IA started in approximately 2004 when he was a Sergeant in IA. This was the only other domestic violence IA he has been involved with. When asked if Mendez had a sexual relationship with any of the [REDACTED] victims, Mendez stated, "absolutely not."

DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

Mendez [REDACTED]

ADDENDA

1. Personnel Complaint
2. Incident History Detail from September 20, 2015
3. Email from Joaquin Mendez to Eren Barron re [REDACTED] dated September 20, 2015
4. Black and white photographs from 6th Street Bridge festival
5. Color photographs from 6th Street Bridge festival obtained from [REDACTED]
6. Photographs of [REDACTED]
7. Notes from meeting on November 23, 2015 at 3pm
8. Memorandum from Patrick M. Gannon, Chief of Airport Police to Airport Police Lieutenant Joaquin Mendez re Administrative Assignment dated November 24, 2015
9. Los Angeles Airport Police Division Procedure Manual, Section 5.020

EXHIBIT 1

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ORIGIN OF COMPLAINT		LOS ANGELES WORLD AIRPORTS POLICE COMPLAINT FORM				CF NO. 15-099	
CHECK ONE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEPARTMENT <input type="checkbox"/> ETHICS OFFICE <input type="checkbox"/> VERBAL <input type="checkbox"/> CORRESPONDENCE OR LETTER <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC COMPLAINT FORM <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIM FOR DAMAGE OR SUMMONS TO LAWSUIT		LAST NAME, FIRST, MI		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEPARTMENT		SEX	DESG
		ADDRESS		CITY STATE		ZIP	PHONE
		B		CITY STATE		ZIP	PHONE
		CAL OP., ID NO., OR DEPT. SERIAL NO.		FOREIGN LANGUAGE		UCF - INVESTIGATED BY CAPC (FD)	
SOURCE OF COMPLAINT CHECK ONE: <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC - THIRD PARTY <input type="checkbox"/> DEPARTMENT <input type="checkbox"/> DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER I.E. AGENCY <input type="checkbox"/> JUDICIAL OFFICIAL / PROSECUTOR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ATTORNEY		ARRESTED		BOOKING NO.		BARRER	
		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>					
		LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE		AIRPORT		OUTSIDE OF CITY	
		Los Angeles 6 th Street Bridge Fest		LAX		NO	
RECEIVED NOV 16 2015 AIRPORT POLICE INTERNAL AFFAIRS		DATE OF OCCURRENCE		TIME OCCURRED			
		Saturday, October 24, 2015		1200hrs			
		DATE REPORTED TO UNINVOLVED SUPERVISOR		DATE FORM COMPLETED			
		November 23, 2015		December 16, 2015			
BRIEF SUMMARY: (DESCRIBE NATURE OF COMPLAINT IN BRIEF PHRASES)		SIGNATURE OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNIT		SERIAL NO.		DATE	
<input type="checkbox"/> FTA <input type="checkbox"/> FTQ <input type="checkbox"/> PTC				03567		12-16-15	
Internal Affairs Lieutenant Mendez is alleged to have had an inappropriate relationship with a Domestic Violence victim.							
REPORTING SUPERVISOR		LAST NAME, FIRST, MI (PRINT)		SERIAL NO.		SECTION	
Williams, Vern				03567		OCOP	
						OR RECEIVED BY PHONE <input type="checkbox"/>	
						RECEIPT MAILED <input type="checkbox"/> RECEIPT GIVEN <input type="checkbox"/>	
ACCUSED EMPLOYEES: IF UNKNOWN, COMPLETE DESCRIPTORS. INDICATE RANK AND ASSIGNMENT AT TIME OF INCIDENT.							
LAST NAME, FIRST, MI		<input type="checkbox"/> UNK		SERIAL NO.		RANK	
Mendez, Joaquin				92310		LT	
SEX		DESG		SECTION		DUTY STATUS	
M				IA		ON <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OFF <input type="checkbox"/>	
ARRESTED		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		ASSIGNMENT TYPE			
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INVOLVED PERSONS							
W-ATTORNEY		TP-THIRD PARTY CO-COMPLAINANT		P-PARENT PO-PARTNER OFFICER (MANDATORY)		CP-CONTACT PERSON (DOMESTIC VIOLENCE)	
NAME		SEX		DESG		DOB	
W		F					
CAL OP. ID OR DEPT SERIAL NO.		R		ADDRESS OR DIVISION OF ASSIGNMENT		CITY	
		B					
NAME		SEX		DESG		DOB	
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CAL OP. ID OR DEPT SERIAL NO.		R		ADDRESS OR DIVISION OF ASSIGNMENT		CITY	
ATTORNEY		B					
Preliminary Case Screening by Employee's Commanding Officer <input type="checkbox"/> The complaint, as stated, would not amount to the commission of a felony or misdemeanor crime. <input type="checkbox"/> The complaint, as stated, may not result in discipline against the employee, or the complained of act or omission by the employee has no nexus to the employee's position with the Department. The complaint does not allege any of the following: Unauthorized force; discrimination of any kind; unlawful search and/or unlawful seizure of person or property; dishonesty; domestic violence; improper/illicit use of alcohol, narcotics, or drugs; sexual misconduct; theft; or retaliation/retribution against another employee. Exception: When a complaint is clearly exonerated or unfounded at the time it is initiated, the complaint may be handled as a Non-Disciplinary complaint. <input type="checkbox"/> The complaint was not a result of concerns arising out of a criminal prosecution or dismissal of California Penal Code § 148 charges, or, otherwise initiated by a judge or a prosecutor acting in their official capacity. <input type="checkbox"/> The accused employee has no apparent pattern of similar behavior (should generally be limited to the past five years) for which he/she is accused. <input type="checkbox"/> The complaint was not initiated in response to civil suits or claims for damages involving on-duty conduct and civil lawsuits regarding off-duty conduct required to be self-reported by employees.							
All boxes in the preliminary case screening must be marked for classification as non-disciplinary.							
APPROVAL & INITIAL CLASSIFICATION		<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Disciplinary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disciplinary		COMMANDING OFFICER		Serial No.	
						12007	
						DATE	
						12-18-15	

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COMPLAINANT (LAST NAME, FIRST, MI)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEPARTMENT	CP NO: 15-099
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Summarize the nature of the complaint using plain narrative:

LAWA Administrative Manual Section 5.020.A.2 – Engaging in any employment, activity or enterprise which constitutes a conflict of interest.

Summary: Include preliminary investigation, additional involved persons, and list any evidence collected; use additional pages if needed and attach any statements taken.

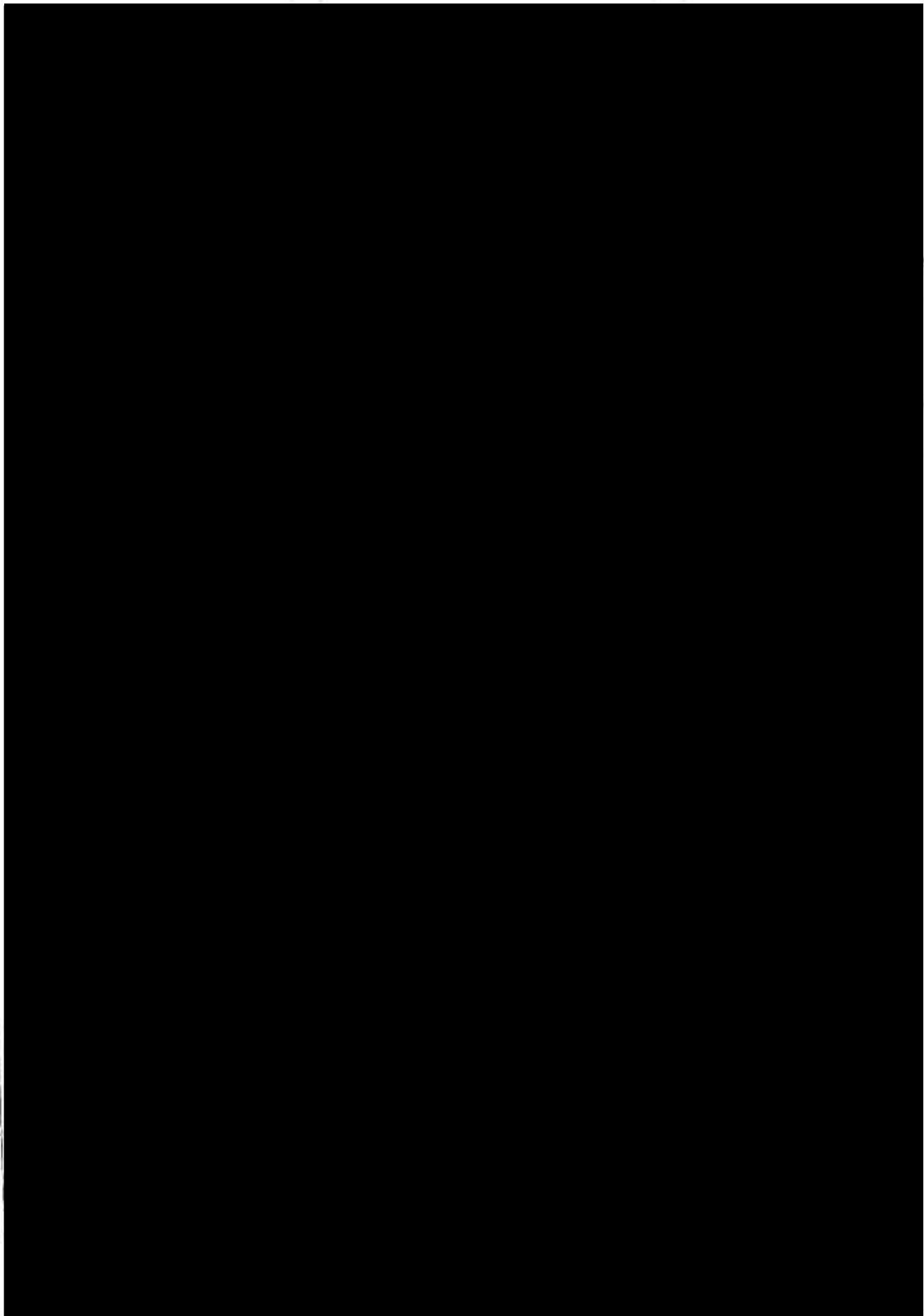
On November 23, 2015, Defense Attorney [REDACTED] and LAAPOA President Officer Marshall McClain met with Chief Gannon regarding what they felt was a conflict of interest. They advised that they had photos of Internal Affairs Lt Mendez spending time with a domestic violence victim outside of work (see attached). This was a concern because Mendez is overseeing her case which involves a sworn officer.

Chief Gannon informed Lt Mendez of the meeting and advised him that due to the nature of the allegation and the evidence which was submitted, he would be placed on administrative leave. Lt Mendez acknowledged that he understood and went on record to say he would not answer any questions without an attorney present.

Officer Marshall McClain is an additional witness and can be reached at [REDACTED]

INVESTIGATING OFFICER (NAME, RANK)		SERIAL NO.	REVIEWING SUPERVISOR (NAME, RANK)		SERIAL NO.
SUPERVISOR AT SCENE (IF ANY)		SERIAL NO.	UNIT COMMANDER (NAME, RANK)		SERIAL NO.
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Classification by Assistant Chief of Airport Police					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISCIPLINARY					
<input type="checkbox"/> NOTICE TO CORRECT DEFICIENCIES (SWORN ONLY)					
<input type="checkbox"/> NON-DISCIPLINARY (CHECK APPLICABLE BOX)					
<input type="checkbox"/> POLICY / PROCEDURE - The facts of the case revealed that the complaint relates to Department policy/procedure and not to a specific employee's actions.					
<input type="checkbox"/> EMPLOYEE'S ACTIONS DID NOT RISE TO THE LEVEL OF MISCONDUCT – A preliminary investigation revealed that the allegations did not rise to the level of misconduct and/or the named employee's actions were protected by law or found to be consistent with Department policy or procedure.					
<input type="checkbox"/> EMPLOYEE'S ACTIONS COULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT – The facts in the complaint revealed the employee's actions could have been different.					
<input type="checkbox"/> However, the employee's act or omission is best addressed through corrective action by the employee's commanding officer. The appropriate corrective action(s) are: (Check all that apply).					
<input type="checkbox"/> COUNSELING		<input type="checkbox"/> EMP NOTICE OF OFFENSE (CIVILIAN ONLY)			
<input type="checkbox"/> TRAINING					
<input type="checkbox"/> COMMENT CARD		<input type="checkbox"/> NOTICE TO CORRECT DEFICIENCIES (CIVILIAN ONLY)			
<input type="checkbox"/> DEMONSTRABLY FALSE – The complaint was demonstrably false, or, demonstrates an irrational thought process <u>and</u> was consistent with the complainant's established pattern of making chronic or crank complaints.					
<input type="checkbox"/> DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE(S) NOT INVOLVED – The preliminary investigation revealed that the complaint did not involve Department employee(s).					
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF AIRPORT POLICE					
NAME (PLEASE PRINT) PATRICK M. GANNON		SIGNATURE [Signature]		SERIAL NO. 12007	DATE 12-18-15

EXHIBIT 2



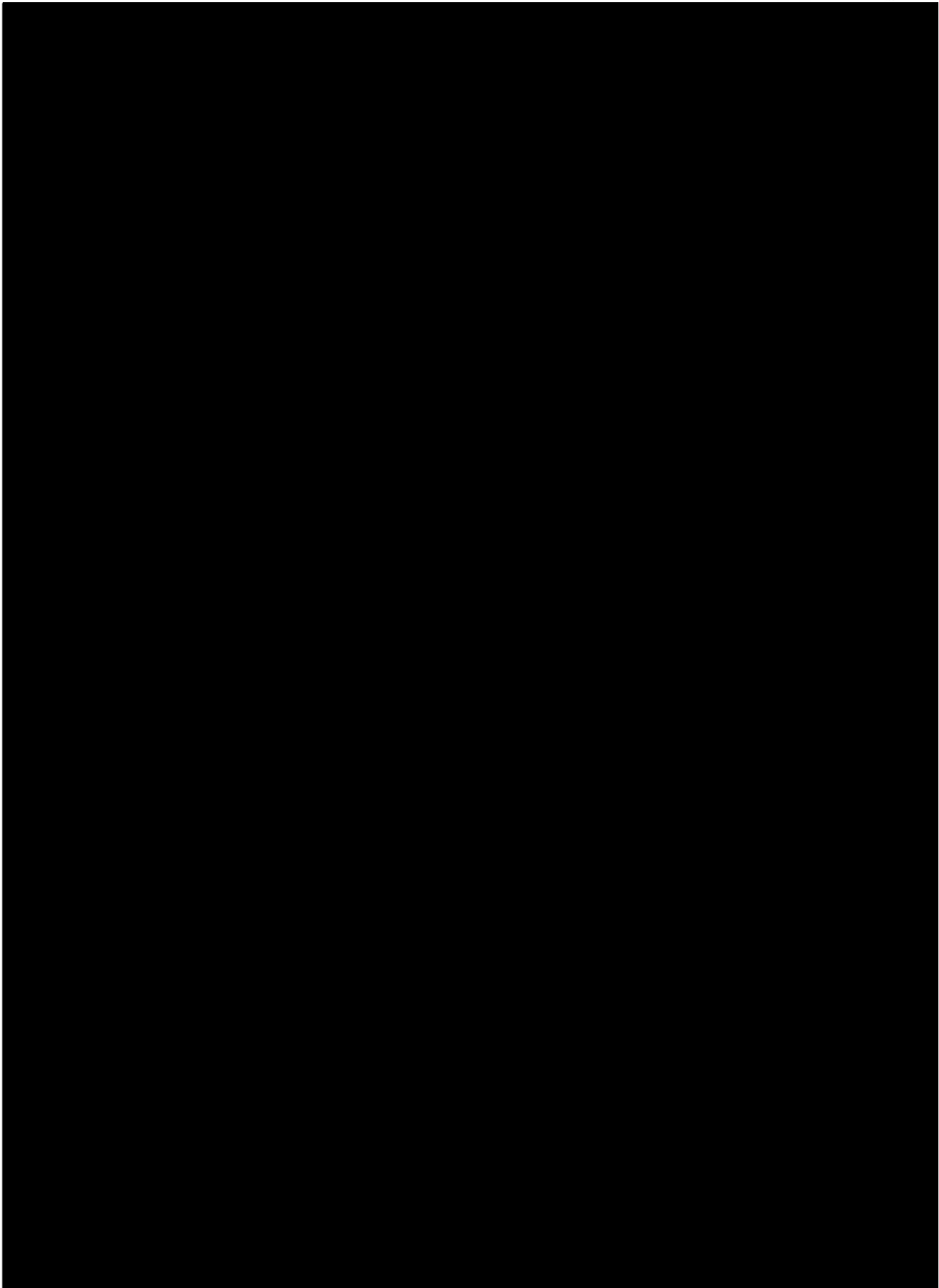


EXHIBIT 3

GANNON, PAT

From: BARRON, EREN
Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2015 8:19 PM
To: CASTRO, FERNANDO P.
Cc: GANNON, PAT
Subject: FW: [REDACTED]
Attachments: [REDACTED] P.D. Incident# 52630474.pdf

From: MENDEZ, JOAQUIN
Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2015 7:57 PM
To: BARRON, EREN
Subject: [REDACTED]

At about 1515 hours today, [REDACTED] Police received a radio call regarding domestic violence/disturbance involving Detective [REDACTED] and his live-in girlfriend, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was off duty. According to details, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] argued and fought with one another resulting in injuries. [REDACTED] sustained scratches to his arms and [REDACTED] sustained injury to her lip and other parts of her face. [REDACTED] summoned police because she believed [REDACTED] was going to use his firearm against her. [REDACTED] Police Officers Ugalde and Graffeo responded and determined that [REDACTED] was the primary aggressor during the incident.

Both Detective [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] refused medical treatment for their injuries.

Detective [REDACTED] reported the event to Sergeant Eren Barron, Patrol Watch Commander, before the response of [REDACTED] Police. In turn, Barron made notifications to the Duty Command Officer (Captain Mario Patrick) and to Patrol Captain Fernando Castro and Lt. Mendez of Internal Affairs. Lieutenant Mendez made notification to Chief Gannon. Captain Castro discussed the event with Captain Ray Maltez of the LAPD FSD based on [REDACTED] present assignment in the [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] was subsequently booked for spousal abuse (273.5 PC) and he posted bail at about 1900 hours.

[REDACTED] made mention, during the 911 call, that Detective [REDACTED] has assaulted her in the past and threatened to kill her if she cheated on him. This was documented in the incident history detail.

There was no alcohol or drug use connected with the event.

Sergeant Norm Ino responded to the [REDACTED] Police Department and retrieved Detective [REDACTED] service weapon, City Police identification, LAWA Badge, and metal police badge. These items were stored by Sergeant Barron in the Watch Commander's safe.

Sergeant Ino spoke to the arresting officers. Ino relayed that Officer Ugalde mentioned to him that Detective [REDACTED] was apologetic and cooperative during the entire incident. According to Ino, Ugalde told him that that it appeared to him that [REDACTED] "knew the system" and "what to say" relative the arrest.

Sgt. Ino also made contact with Detective [REDACTED] to check on his welfare.

Sergeant Barron was contacted by Sergeant Steve Burciaga, who supervises Detective [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED]. Burciaga responded to the LAXPD station and stated that [REDACTED] contacted him shortly after

██████████ was arrested and forwarded photos of her injuries to his cell phone. Burciaga showed the photos to Lieutenant Mendez and to Sergeant Barron. Burciaga stated he would forward the photos to Lieutenant Mendez for the administrative investigation.

██████████ Police informed Sgt. Barron that they would complete a Temporary Restraining Order against ██████████. As part of the order, ██████████ is precluded from carrying a firearm. ██████████ police retained ██████████ two personal weapons for safekeeping; a rifle and a handgun. ██████████ gave consent to Lieutenant Mendez and Sergeant Barron to retrieve his City UPR from his locker. No other items were removed from the locker.

Lieutenant Mendez will complete the Complaint Form.

Attached are details of the original 911 call. The arrest report will be available tomorrow.

Upon bail, Officer ██████████ was directed to report to Captain Castro at 0800 hours. He was also advised of the availability of EAP.

Phone numbers:

Sergeant Brian Messina, ██████████ Watch Commander; ██████████

Detective ██████████

EXHIBIT 4



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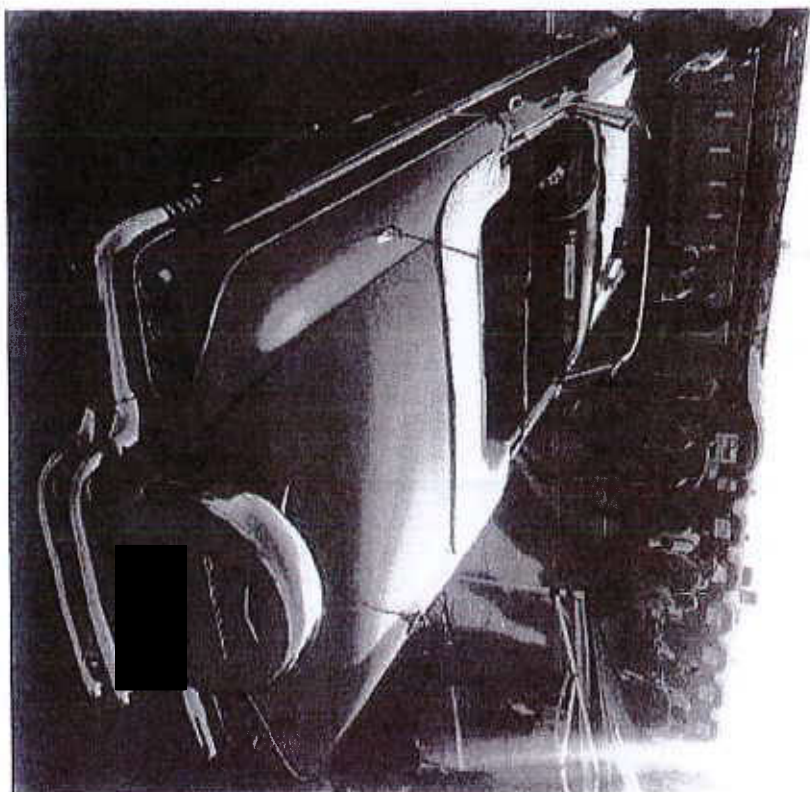


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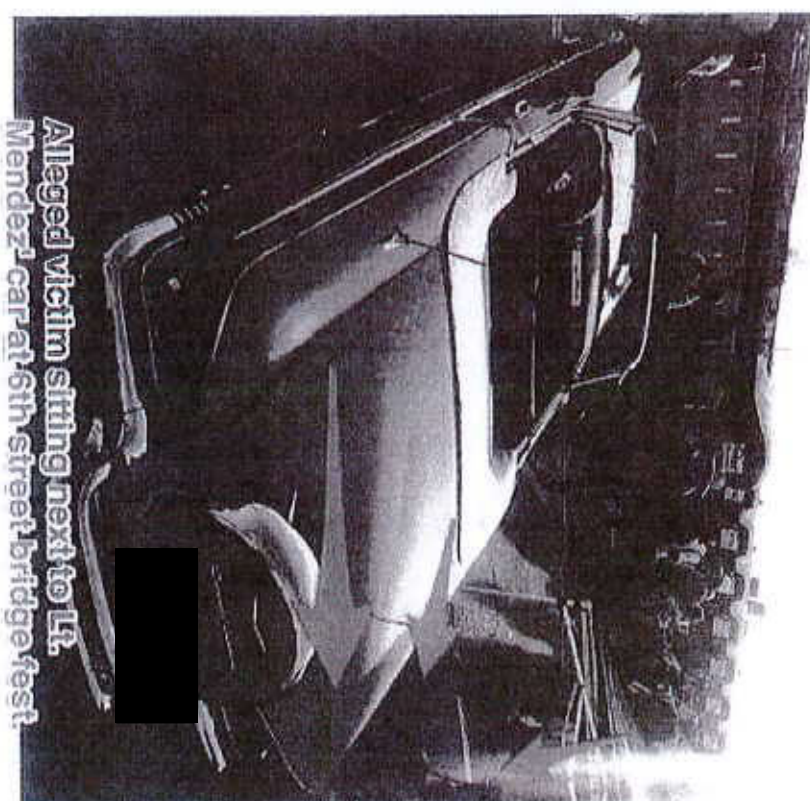


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Alleged victim sitting next to Lt.
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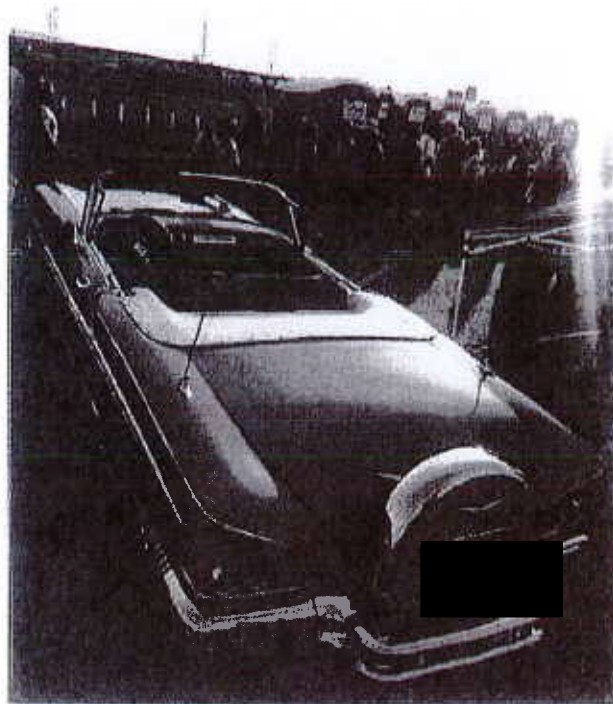
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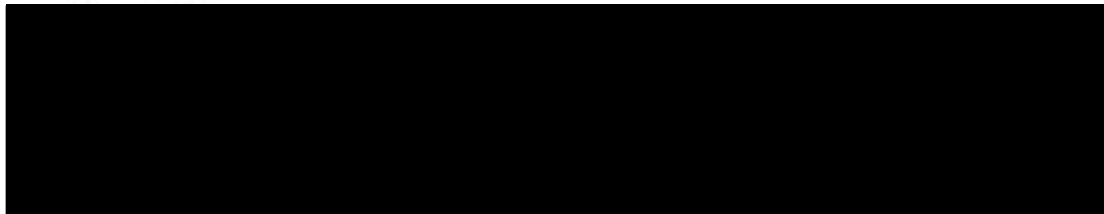
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[REDACTED] Thanks Gil

10/26/2015 12:27 AM UTC



[REDACTED] CLEAAAAAANN

10/26/2015 4:55 AM UTC



[REDACTED] Clean,

10/26/2015 6:00 AM UTC



[REDACTED] thanks!! [REDACTED]

10/26/2015 6:06 AM UTC



[REDACTED] thanks! [REDACTED]

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EXHIBIT 5



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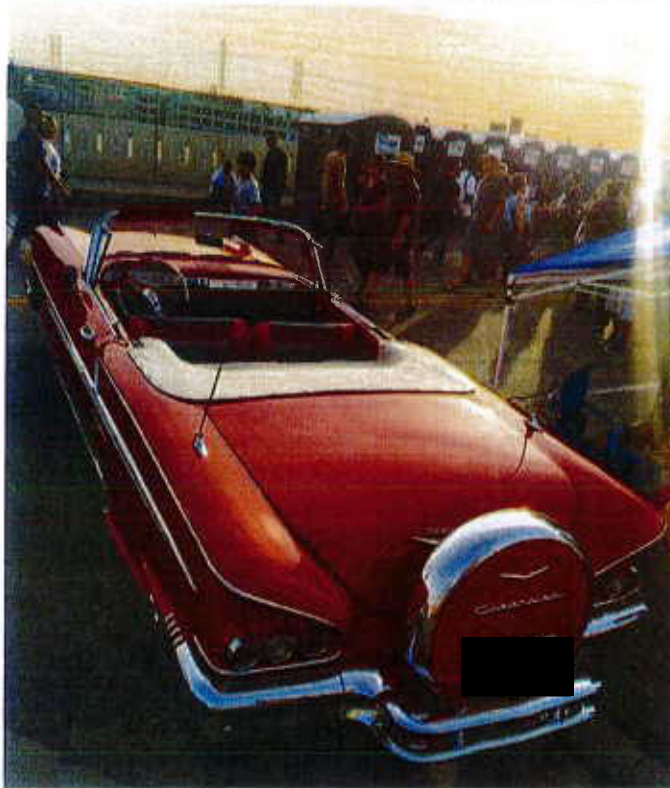


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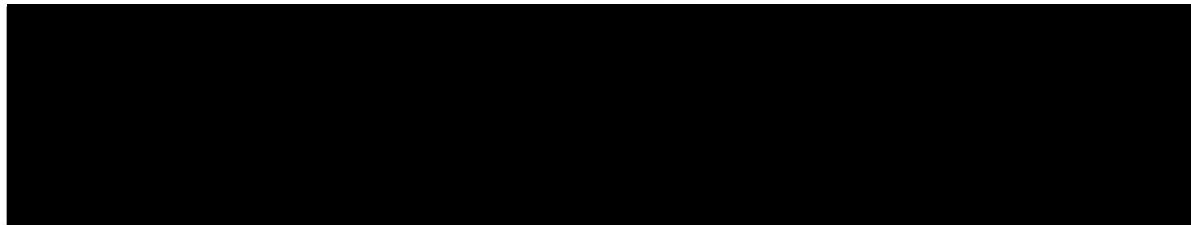


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[REDACTED] Suave

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[REDACTED] Thanks G!!

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[REDACTED] CLEAAAAAANN

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[REDACTED] Clean.

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[REDACTED] thanks !!

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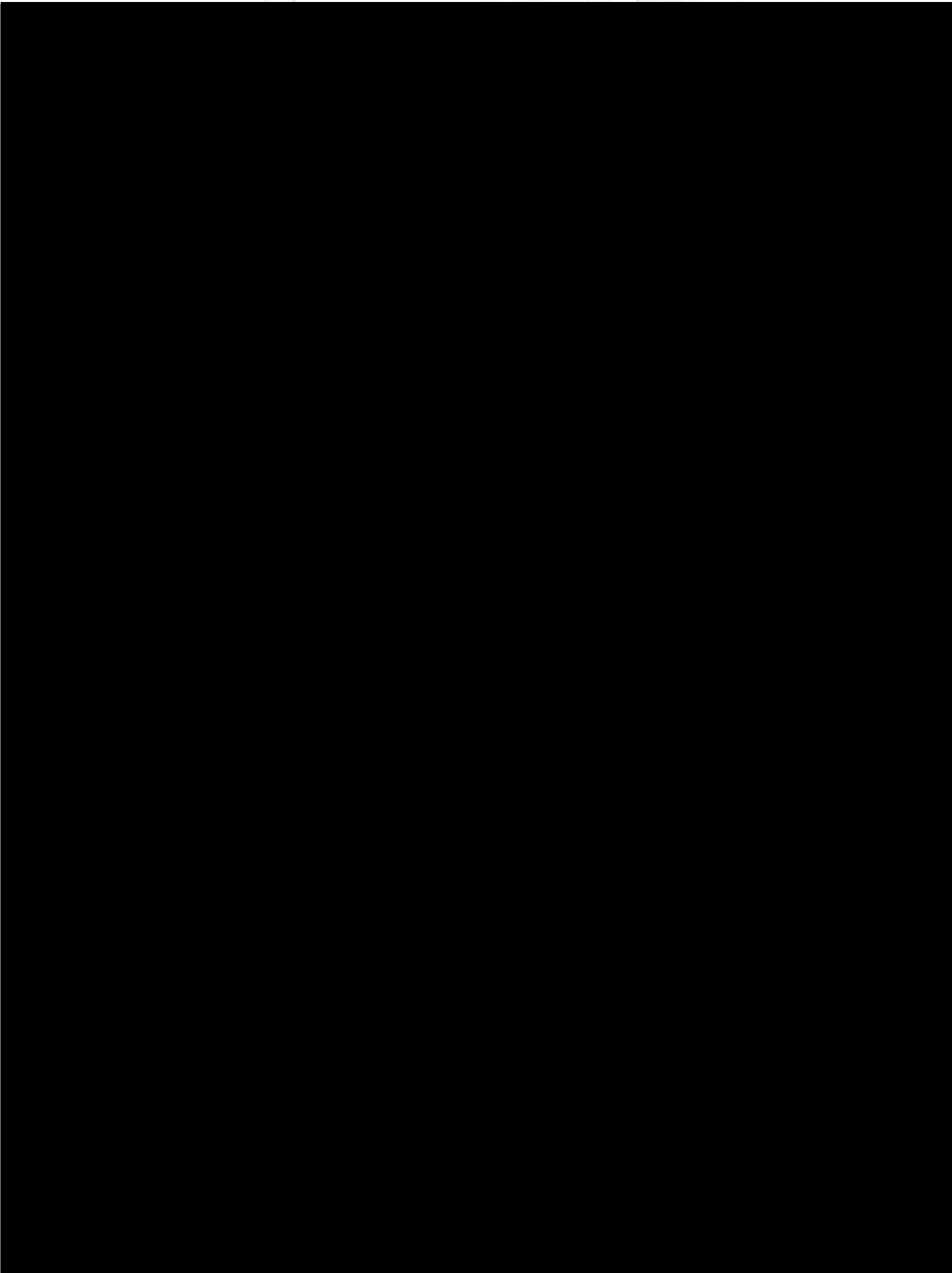


EXHIBIT 7

Defense Attorney [REDACTED] – APD Lt. Joaquin Mendez

On November 20, 2015 Attorney [REDACTED] contacted Chief Gannon telephonically and requested an urgent meeting to discuss an issue that she did not want to talk about over the telephone. Chief Gannon was out of town on vacation. A meeting was scheduled for November 23, 2015, when Chief Gannon returned from vacation.

Following is the course of events:

- On November 23, 2015, at 3:00 pm Chief Gannon met with [REDACTED] and Airport Police Marshall McClain, President of the Los Angeles Airport Police Officers Association.
- [REDACTED] is a Criminal Defense Attorney representing Airport Police Officer [REDACTED] who was arrested September 20, 2015 for Domestic Violence by the [REDACTED] Police Department.
- The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Officer has filed Misdemeanor Domestic Violence charges and the Victim, [REDACTED] has been issued a Restraining Order against Officer [REDACTED]
- Officer [REDACTED] has been placed on Paid Administrative Leave as the investigation continues.
- As a result of this incident, Airport Police Internal Affairs Section initiated an Administrative Complaint Investigation into the arrest of Officer [REDACTED]
- According to Attorney [REDACTED] has posted a variety of social media messages and photographs regarding her experiences in this case.
- [REDACTED] asked an investigator who works for her firm to monitor [REDACTED] Social Media postings.
- The Investigator, Mr. [REDACTED] found social media postings that suggest that [REDACTED] attended an event in Los Angeles (6th Street Bridge Fest) with Airport Police Lieutenant Joaquin Mendez on October 24, 2015.
- Lieutenant Mendez is currently assigned as the Officer in Charge of the Airport Police Internal Affairs Section.
- Ms. [REDACTED] felt that Mendez and [REDACTED] were involved in a relationship that makes it impossible for him to oversee the Administrative Investigation

17. ON NOVEMBER 20, 2015 ATTORNEY [REDACTED] TELEPHONED CHIEF GANNON AND REQUESTED AN URGENT MEETING TO DISCUSS AN ISSUE THAT SHE DID NOT WANT TO TALK ABOUT OVER THE TELEPHONE. CHIEF GANNON WAS OUT OF TOWN ON VACATION. A MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 23, 2015 WHEN GANNON RETURNED FROM VACATION.

18. ON NOVEMBER 23, 2015, AT 3 00 PM CHIEF GANNON MET WITH [REDACTED] AND AIRPORT POLICE OFFICE MARSHAL McLENN, PRESIDENT LOS ANGELES AIRPORT POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION.

23. [REDACTED] A CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY IS REPRESENTING AIRPORT POLICE OFFICE [REDACTED] WHO WAS ARRESTED SEPTEMBER 20, 2010 FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY THE [REDACTED] POLICE DEPARTMENT.

24. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAS FILED HIDEAWAY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CHARGES AND THE VICTIM, [REDACTED] HAS BEEN ISSUED A RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST OFFICE [REDACTED]

5. Officer [REDACTED] HAS BEEN PLACED ON PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE AS THE INVESTIGATION CONTINUES.

6. AS A RESULT OF THIS INCIDENT, Airport Police Internal Affairs Section INITIATED AN ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION INTO THE ARREST OF OFFICER [REDACTED]

7. ACCORDING TO ATTORNEY [REDACTED] [REDACTED] HAS POSTED A VARIETY OF SOCIAL MEDIA MESSAGES AND PHOTOGRAPHS RECOUNTING HER EXPERIENCES IN THIS CASE.

8. [REDACTED] ASKED AN INVESTIGATOR ~~WHO~~ ^{THAT} WORKS FOR HER FIRM TO MONITOR MS. [REDACTED] SOCIAL MEDIA POSTINGS.

9. THE INVESTIGATOR, MR. [REDACTED] FOUND SOCIAL MEDIA POSTINGS THAT SUGGESTS THAT MS. [REDACTED] ATTENDED AN EVENT IN LOS ANGELES (6TH STREET BRIDGE FEST) WITH AIRPORT BLUE LIEUTENANT JORDAN MENDEZ ON

OCTOBER 24, 2015.

10. LIEUTENANT MENDEZ IS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED AS THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE AIRPORT POLICE INTERNAL AFFAIRS SECTION.
11. MS. [REDACTED] FELT THAT MENDEZ AND MS. [REDACTED] WERE INVOLVED IN A RELATIONSHIP THAT MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO OVERSEE THE ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION OF OFFICE [REDACTED]

JAMIE GARRISON

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EXHIBIT 8



MEMORANDUM

Los Angeles World Airports

Date: November 24, 2015
To: Airport Police Lieutenant Joaquin Mendez, Serial # 82310
From: Patrick M. Gannon, Chief of Airport Police
Subject: Administrative Assignment

Effective immediately, you are being placed on a paid administrative assignment, at your residence, in connection with an Internal Affairs investigation. Starting November 25, 2015, you must call in to the Office of the Airport Chief of Police (OCOAP) at 0800 hours and call out at 1700 hours daily, Monday - Friday. The phone number you are to call is (424) 646-6618. *see email*

For the duration of your administrative assignment, your working hours are changed to Monday - Friday, 0800 – 1700 hours. You must be available during these designated time periods. If you are going to leave your residence during that time, you must follow the same notification procedures and you must call in to the Office of the Airport Chief of Police to apprise the Chief or his Executive Officer of the duration and reason. In the event there are any problems with your availability or other work-related issues, you must contact the Chief's Executive Officer at (424) 646-6618. *Be advised that the administrative assignment is your duty assignment for the day and failure to call in punctually will result in carrying your time as "Absent Without Leave" (AW) without pay.*

You are to relinquish your Airport Police identification card, your Airport Police badge, and your LAWA AOA identification badge to the Office of the Airport Chief of Police.

You are not to enter Department property during this assignment without prior approval of the Chief or his Executive Officer, Lieutenant Vern Williams (424-646-6618).

You are instructed to provide OCOAP with your current address and phone number.

Failure to adhere to any of the above orders shall and will result in an additional charge of LAWA Administrative Manual Section 5.020 D.1; Refusal to perform reasonable work assignments or to cooperate with supervisors or management in the performance of duties (insubordination).

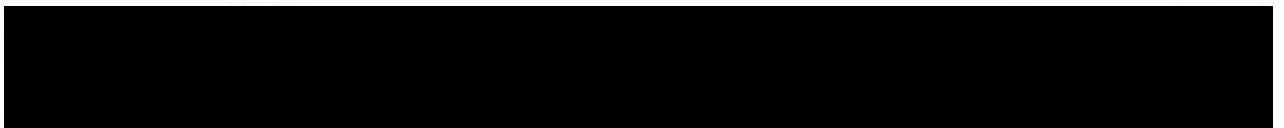
1. Airport Police Badge, Number 33
2. Airport Police Identification, Number [REDACTED] 92310
3. LAWA SIDA Badge, Number [REDACTED]
4. Airport Police Radio 11079
5. Handcuffs, Baton, and Knife 704224
6. Chemical Agent No
7. Department-Issued Keys PD18M, AP5, 917, POM, APM
8. Other Items Weapon: 92 FS Beretta B22164592Z

Supervisor serving document and receiving items:

LT VERN WILLIAMS

Employee receiving document:

LT JOAQUIN MENDEZ



PMG:vwv

cc: Chief of Airport Police Patrick M. Gannon
Paula Adams, LAWA Department Personnel Director
Internal Affairs
HRLU File and Employee Divisional File

EXHIBIT 9

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A. Misconduct, on or off the Job, Seriously Reflecting on City Employees or Employment

Standard: Employees must perform their duties in a manner which earns and maintains the trust and respect of their supervisors, other employees, and the public.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS


<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>FIRST OFFENSE</u>	<u>SECOND OFFENSE</u>	<u>THIRD OFFENSE</u>
1. Using official position or office for personal gain or advantage	Written Notice to Discharge	10 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge
2. Engaging in any employment, activity or enterprise which constitutes a conflict of interest	Written Notice to 30 day Suspension	6 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge
3. Accepting favors or gratuities for service required on the job	Written Notice to Discharge	6 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge
4. Disclosing confidential information	1 day Suspension to Discharge	10 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge
5. Engaging in illegal behavior or conduct in conflict with job duties on or off the job	Written Notice to Discharge	6 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge

B. Job Performance Below Standard

Standard: Employees must provide a high quality of service to the public and perform their duties effectively and efficiently.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>FIRST OFFENSE</u>	<u>SECOND OFFENSE</u>	<u>THIRD OFFENSE</u>
1. A violation of departmental rules	Oral Warning to 5 day Suspension	6 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge
2. Requiring excessive supervision or instruction in performance of duties after completion of training for the position	Oral Warning or Written Notice	Written Notice to 5 day Suspension	6 day Suspension to Discharge
3. Misusing, or failing to use, delegated authority in the performance of duties	Oral Warning to 5 day Suspension	6 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge
4. Personal appearance and hygiene not appropriate for the job in terms of department standards and job safety	Oral Warning to Written Notice	Written Notice to 5 day Suspension	6 day Suspension to Discharge
5. Failure to perform work assignments adequately or promptly	Oral Warning to Discharge	1 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge
6. Failure to carry out supervisory responsibilities adequately	1 day Suspension to Discharge	5 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge

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| 7. Failure to remain alert and responsive while on duty
Example: Sleeping on the job | Written Notice to Discharge | 5 day Suspension to Discharge | 10 day Suspension to Discharge |
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C. Attendance and Tardiness

Standard: Employees must report for work as scheduled, unless ill, injured, or involved in an emergency.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS


<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>FIRST OFFENSE</u>	<u>SECOND OFFENSE</u>	<u>THIRD OFFENSE</u>
1. Unexcused, excessive or patterned absenteeism	Written Notice to 5 day Suspension	6 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge
2. Failure to follow established procedure for Notification of inability to report for work	Oral Warning or Written Notice	Written Notice to 5 day Suspension	6 day Suspension to Discharge
3. Leaving assigned work location without approval	Written Notice to Discharge	1 day Suspension to Discharge	10 day Suspension to Discharge
4. Frequent or unexcused tardiness	Oral Warning or Written Notice	Written Notice to 10 day Suspension	10 day Suspension to Discharge

D. Improper Behavior in Relations with Supervisors, Fellow Employees, or the Public

Standard: Employees must cooperate and work well with the public, supervisors and co-workers.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>FIRST OFFENSE</u>	<u>SECOND OFFENSE</u>	<u>THIRD OFFENSE</u>
1. Refusal to perform reasonable work assignments or to cooperate with supervisors or management in the performance of duties (Insubordination)	6 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge	
2. Using abusive language toward or making inappropriate statements to the public, supervisors or co-workers.	Oral Warning to 5 day Suspension	Written Notice to Discharge	6 day Suspension to Discharge
3. Disrupting the work of other employees	Oral Warning or Written Notice	Written Notice to 5 day Suspension	6 day Suspension to Discharge
4. Making threats (verbal or non-verbal) or initiating a confrontation with the public, supervisors or co-workers.	6 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge	
5. Unauthorized possession or use of dangerous weapons, such as firearms or knives, on City property or the job	5 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge	

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| 6. Actions on the job intended to destroy property or to inflict bodily injury (whether or not the destruction or injury actually occurs) | Written Notice to Discharge | Discharge | |
| 7. Failure to provide information related to work from supervisors or others requiring the information | Written Notice to 10 day Suspension | 6 to 30 day Suspension | Discharge |

E. Use of Alcohol or Controlled Substances

Standard: While at work, employees must not do anything that would impair their ability to perform their duties, or discredit the City and its employees.


SUGGESTED ACTIONS

<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>FIRST OFFENSE</u>	<u>SECOND OFFENSE</u>	<u>THIRD OFFENSE</u>
1. Use of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances while on duty	10 day Suspension to Discharge (See Note A)	Discharge (See Note A)	
2. Reporting for duty under the influence of drugs or alcohol which results in unfitness to work	10 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge	
3. Operating City vehicles or other equipment while under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, or any drug(s) or narcotic(s) which will impair operation capability	20 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge	
4. Illegally possessing or using drugs or narcotics on the job site or on City Property	10 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge	
5. Positive drug or alcohol test resulting from a <u>for-cause test</u> administered under the provisions of the U.S. Dept. of Transportation Drug & Alcohol Testing Policy	20 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge	
6. Positive drug or alcohol test resulting from a <u>random test</u> administered under the provisions of the U.S. Dept. of Transportation Drug & Alcohol Testing Policy	5 day Suspension to Discharge	20 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge

Note A: The suggested action may be: 1) reduced in severity if the employee successfully participates in an alcoholism or drug abuse rehabilitation program; or 2) delayed during employee participation in the program, depending on progressive rehabilitation and improvement of job performance. The supervisor should make every effort to take or arrange to take the employee home safely and to ensure that the employee is released to the custody of another responsible person. Consult the City's Safety Sensitive Substance Abuse Guidelines for assistance in handling these matters.

F. Safety

Standard: All employees must perform their duties in a safe manner.

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SUGGESTED ACTIONS


<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>FIRST OFFENSE</u>	<u>SECOND OFFENSE</u>	<u>THIRD OFFENSE</u>
1. Operating City equipment unsafely and /or without the required license or equipment	Written Notice to 5 day Suspension	5 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge
2. Causing or contributing to an accident by operating City equipment in an unsafe manner	1 day Suspension to Discharge	5 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge
3. Violating safety rules or practices which endanger the employee or others or damages City property or equipment	Written Notice to 20 day Suspension	5 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge
4. Playing tricks or jokes, or engaging in horseplay on the job which may lead to injury of employees or others, or damage to equipment or property	Written Notice to 10 day Suspension	10 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge
5. Creating unsanitary conditions	Oral warning to 5 day Suspension	6 day Suspension to discharge	Discharge
6. Failure to carry out supervisory responsibility to ensure a safe work environment	Written notice to 5 day suspension	5 day suspension to discharge	Discharge

G. Fraud, Dishonesty, Theft, or Falsification of Records

Standard: City employees must demonstrate integrity and honesty both in securing employment and in the performance of duties.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>FIRST OFFENSE</u>	<u>SECOND OFFENSE</u>	<u>THIRD OFFENSE</u>
1. Soliciting, accepting, or offering a bribe	Discharge		
2. Theft of or aiding or encouraging the theft of cash, or City property or equipment, as established by proper investigation	Discharge		
3. Intentionally destroying City equipment, property or records without proper authorization	10 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge	
4. Providing false information in connection with the employment application process	Discharge		
5. Falsifying City Records such as time reports, mileage reports, expense accounts or other work related documents	Discharge		
6. Falsely claiming sick or allowed pay, falsifying reasons for absence	Discharge		
7. A finding of Workers Compensation fraud as a result of a proper investigation	Discharge		

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| 8. Using City time, property or equipment without authorization | Written Notice to Discharge | 6 day Suspension to Discharge | Discharge |
| 9. Unauthorized removal or possession of City equipment or property | 1 Suspension to Discharge | 10 day Suspension to Discharge | Discharge |
| 10. Unauthorized use of City equipment or material in fabricating articles for private use | Written Notice to Discharge | 5 day Suspension to Discharge | Discharge |
| 11. Failure to exercise proper supervisory oversight to protect City assets | Written Notice to Discharge | 5 day Suspension to Discharge | Discharge |

H. Standards of Conduct for Peace Officers

Standard: Employees performing functions that require peace officer status are required to conduct themselves (on and off duty) in a manner demonstrating respect for the laws they are sworn to uphold and the people and property they are employed to protect. Behavior on and off the job must not reflect negatively upon the City as their employer.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS


<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>FIRST OFFENSE</u>	<u>SECOND OFFENSE</u>	<u>THIRD OFFENSE</u>
1. Use of excessive force	30 day Suspension	Discharge	
2. Falsification or destruction of evidence or reports related to investigations	15 day Suspension to Discharge	30 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge
3. Failure to report to take action against officer misconduct, on or off the job	15 day Suspension to Discharge	30 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge
4. Abuse or inappropriate use of Peace Officer status	15 day Suspension to Discharge	30 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge

I. Discrimination/Harassment

Standard: City employees are expected to comply with Federal and State laws and regulations and City policies including mayoral directives ensuring equal employment opportunity and a discrimination/harassment free workplace. City employees are expected to demonstrate sensitivity to and respect for individual and personal differences when working with other employees and the public. Actions which create a hostile, offensive, threatening, or intimidating work environment will not be tolerated.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>FIRST OFFENSE</u>	<u>SECOND OFFENSE</u>	<u>THIRD OFFENSE</u>
1. Failure to comply with City policies on equal employment opportunity, including but not limited to, the recruitment, selection, promotion, training, or disciplining of employees.	Oral Warning to Discharge	Discharge	
2. Demonstrating insensitivity to others by making derogatory comments, epithets, jokes,	5 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge	

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teasing, remarks, or slurs or making suggestive gestures or displaying images or written material that derogatorily depict or demean people


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| <p>3. Retaliating against an employee for filing a discrimination complaint, for participating in a discrimination complaint investigation, or for opposing discriminatory actions.</p> | <p>5 day Suspension to Discharge</p> | <p>Discharge</p> |
| <p>4. <u>Supervisory Standard</u>
Failure to maintain a harassment free workplace for subordinates; failure to foster a discrimination free workplace by one's own individual actions or conduct; or allowing subordinates to retaliate against an employee for filing a discrimination complaint, for participating in a discrimination complaint investigation, or for opposing discriminatory actions</p> | <p>5 day Suspension to Discharge</p> | <p>Discharge</p> |

J. Sexual Harassment

Standard: City policy and Federal and State law prohibit sexual harassment in the workplace. Supervisors are required to ensure and maintain a working environment free of sexual harassment, intimidation, or coercion. City employees are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that fosters a workplace environment which is free from conduct that is hostile, offensive, threatening, or intimidating, or that interferes with an individual's work performance. Some of these violations, if proved, also constitute crimes under local or state law. The Department will take appropriate measures to report such actions and to advise employees to report any such actions that have occurred on City property involving City employees.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>FIRST OFFENSE</u>	<u>SECOND OFFENSE</u>	<u>THIRD OFFENSE</u>
1. Sexual Favors Implicit or explicit coercive pressure for sexual favors	20 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge	
2. Physical			
a. Any physical conduct or act of a sexual nature, involving the use of force or the threat of force.	Discharge		
b. Unwelcome physical contact in sexual areas, including but not limited to, breasts, buttocks, or genitalia.	20 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge	
c. Unwelcome touching, rubbing, or conduct toward other employees which is sexually suggestive.	1 day Suspension	Discharge	
3. Verbal			

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<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>FIRST OFFENSE</u>	<u>SECOND OFFENSE</u>	<u>THIRD OFFENSE</u>
1. Planning or engaging in hazing activities	20 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge	
2. Supervisor standard;			
a. Failure to take appropriate action to correct and eliminate hazing activities from the workplace; failure to foster a hazing free workplace by personal actions or conduct; or, allowing subordinates to retaliate against an employee for reporting hazing activities, for participating in a hazing complaint investigation, or for opposing hazing in the workplace	20 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge	
b. Planning or engaging in hazing activities	20 day Suspension to Discharge	Discharge	

SUPERVISOR'S GUIDE TO DISCIPLINARY STANDARDS

POLICY

Supervisors are responsible for taking or recommending disciplinary action for unacceptable employee behavior or performance. As management representatives, supervisors are key persons in the process because they investigate, communicate, interpret and enforce the Department's disciplinary policy. Supervisor's perceptions about discipline will often determine the overall success of the program. The main purpose of this disciplinary policy is to correct unacceptable employee behavior consistently and fairly.

When a supervisor determines that corrective action is needed for an employee who has demonstrated unacceptable behavior or performance, the procedure outlined below should be followed. Please remember that LAWA's Human Resources Services is available for consultation at every step. In special situations it may be necessary to omit certain steps or take an alternate course of action, but supervisors must avoid placing an employee in "double jeopardy" (punishing twice for the same offense). For example, requesting a pre-disciplinary meeting should not be made at the same time as issuing an Employee Notice of Offense or a Notice to Correct Deficiencies to the employee for the same offense.

For emergency disciplinary situations, refer to Sections 5.030.

PROCEDURE

1. From time to time, every supervisor is confronted with employees who commit disciplinary offenses that require attention. When a supervisor believes that an employee has demonstrated behavior or performance that does not meet Department standards, appropriate disciplinary action should be considered. How a supervisor approaches these situations is often the most critical element in the Department's disciplinary program. Following these steps can prevent having a proposed disciplinary action overturned. Prior to any action, the supervisor must be careful to:

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5 MS. ROSNER: All right. We are on record.
6 Today is February 16 -- 17 and it is 11:07 a.m.

7 LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS: All right. My name is
8 Lieutenant Williams. I'm going to read you your
9 administrative order.

10 So as a representative of the Chief of Airport
11 Police, I'm ordering you to answer any and all questions
12 related to this investigation. If you refuse to answer
13 any questions, your silence may be deemed
14 insubordination. It may result in administrative
15 discipline.

16 I'm ordering you to answer any and all questions
17 related to this investigation truthfully. Making any
18 false or misleading statements is misconduct and may
19 result in administrative discipline.

20 Read the sentence below aloud, then sign and
21 date saying that you understand the administrative orders
22 that were read to you.

23 SERGEANT IRALDO: I understand my administrative
24 orders as read to me. I agree to answer questions
25 related to this investigation voluntarily under the

1 threat of discipline by my refusal to do so.

2 MS. ROSNER: Okay. My name is Jennifer Rosner.
3 I'm an attorney at Liebert Cassidy Whitmore. I'll be
4 conducting this interview. And can you just state and
5 spell your name for the record.

6 SERGEANT IRALDO: My first name is Aleta,
7 A-l-e-t-a. My last name is Iraldo, I-r-a-l-d-o, serial
8 number 00433.

9 MS. ROSNER: Thank you. Okay. And this is
10 conjunction with administrative Internal Affairs Case
11 15-099.

12 Now, what is your current title and rank with
13 the Airport Police Department?

14 SERGEANT IRALDO: My title is a Sergeant II and
15 I'm in -- assigned to Internal Affairs Unit as an
16 Internal Affairs investigator.

17 MS. ROSNER: How long have you been with
18 Internal Affairs?

19 SERGEANT IRALDO: Over a year. About a year and
20 about six months.

21 MS. ROSNER: Okay. How long have you been with
22 the Airport Police Department?

23 SERGEANT IRALDO: 15 years.

24 MS. ROSNER: And how long have you been a police
25 officer?

1 SERGEANT IRALDO: Airport police officer?

2 MS. ROSNER: No, just a peace officer.

3 SERGEANT IRALDO: 15 years.

4 MS. ROSNER: Same, 15 years?

5 SERGEANT IRALDO: Yeah.

6 MS. ROSNER: Were you involved in any capacity
7 in either the criminal or the administrative Internal
8 Affairs investigation against Officer [REDACTED]

9 SERGEANT IRALDO: Directly, well, when -- when
10 Officer [REDACTED] first got taken into custody, they called
11 an Internal Affairs investigator that was on call, which
12 was Lieutenant Mendez. And at the time they couldn't get
13 in contact with him, so they called me and then I called
14 him. As far as actually writing anything on the case or
15 anything, no, but I did attend court with Lieutenant
16 Mendez two times.

17 MS. ROSNER: Okay. When the call came in, I
18 think it was September 20th, 2015.

19 Does that sound familiar?

20 SERGEANT IRALDO: Yes.

21 MS. ROSNER: Did you respond to the house?

22 SERGEANT IRALDO: No.

23 MS. ROSNER: What -- you had a conversation with
24 Lieutenant Mendez about it?

25 SERGEANT IRALDO: I just called him on the

1 telephone and told him that I -- that the Watch Commander
2 at the time was looking for the -- had called because
3 they was looking for the IA sergeant on call at that
4 time, which was him, and just told him something about it
5 had something to do with Officer [REDACTED] Going into
6 details -- I didn't go into details because I didn't get
7 very much details from it -- from the Watch Commander --

8 MS. ROSNER: Who was the --

9 SERGEANT IRALDO: -- the police officer --

10 MS. ROSNER: Who was the Watch Commander?

11 SERGEANT IRALDO: It was Sergeant Barron called
12 me at the time.

13 MS. ROSNER: And what did he tell you?

14 SERGEANT IRALDO: He just said -- Sergeant
15 Barron? He just said --

16 MS. ROSNER: Yes.

17 SERGEANT IRALDO: -- that Officer [REDACTED] had
18 called him and told him he had got into it with his
19 girlfriend and the police was on its way to his house, so
20 he just wanted -- and he made contact with command staff
21 and they wanted IA to respond. And then I told him,
22 "Okay. Well, let me try to see if I could call
23 Lieutenant Mendez for you guys."

24 I spoke to Lieutenant Mendez, and at that point
25 after that, I wasn't involved anymore until we went to

1 Officer [REDACTED] house either the next -- the next day
2 or that Tuesday. Because I think it happened on a Sunday
3 and that Monday I might have been off work, and then I
4 think that Tuesday we went over to Officer [REDACTED]
5 house to retrieve some paperwork from the victim, which I
6 think her name is [REDACTED] somebody. I don't know her last
7 name. We went to the house, we just got some papers, and
8 at the time it was two [REDACTED] detectives at the house at
9 the time.

10 MS. ROSNER: And who did you go to the house
11 with?

12 SERGEANT IRALDO: Lieutenant Mendez.

13 MS. ROSNER: And -- oh, okay. So why -- and I'm
14 sorry, why did you go to the house? What was the
15 purpose?

16 SERGEANT IRALDO: He said that he needed to get
17 some papers from her, maybe possibly the restraining
18 order or a copy of the restraining order.

19 MS. ROSNER: And when you got there, two [REDACTED]
20 police officers were there?

21 SERGEANT IRALDO: Yes.

22 MS. ROSNER: What were they doing there?

23 SERGEANT IRALDO: They were talking to her, I
24 guess about the case.

25 MS. ROSNER: And so what happened when you got

1 there?

2 SERGEANT IRALDO: He just retrieved the
3 paperwork from her and basically she just was explaining
4 that she was moving out, she had to be out by this
5 certain time, and that was basically it and then we left.

6 MS. ROSNER: Did he seem familiar with her?

7 SERGEANT IRALDO: Not to -- not to my knowledge,
8 he didn't seem familiar with her.

9 MS. ROSNER: Okay. What was his demeanor like?

10 SERGEANT IRALDO: He just asked her about the
11 papers, you know, like professional, like a lieutenant.
12 He just asked her about the papers, got the papers, said
13 if she needed anything, call, or anything else occurred,
14 just to call the department and let them know.

15 MS. ROSNER: Did he inquire about her case? How
16 she was doing? Anything like that?

17 SERGEANT IRALDO: No, because at the time, the
18 two [REDACTED] police officers was kind of still talking to
19 her, so he -- we introduced ourselves to them, and then
20 that's when he was saying he was just there to get a copy
21 of the restraining order.

22 MS. ROSNER: And did he -- oh, okay. So is that
23 the paperwork you got was a copy of the restraining
24 order?

25 SERGEANT IRALDO: Supposedly a copy of the

1 restraining order.

2 MS. ROSNER: Did you see it?

3 SERGEANT IRALDO: I didn't look at it.

4 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And this was just a couple
5 days after the incident?

6 SERGEANT IRALDO: Yeah, I don't know if it was
7 that Monday or that Tuesday, but it was just like a
8 couple of days, because she seemed like she was in the
9 process of moving out of the house still.

10 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

11 SERGEANT IRALDO: Yeah, so it was either the
12 next day or the day after. I just -- or Monday -- that
13 Monday or that Tuesday, but I know the incident happened,
14 I think, on a Sunday.

15 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And at that time did you
16 learn more about what had happened?

17 SERGEANT IRALDO: Yeah, I learned that Officer
18 [REDACTED] had got taken into custody. Of course I can see
19 her. She looked like she had some marks on her, and that
20 was basically it. They didn't even go into -- I didn't
21 really ask any details and they didn't go into details.

22 MS. ROSNER: On the way there or from, did
23 Lieutenant Mendez talk to you about the case at all or
24 about Ms. [REDACTED]

25 SERGEANT IRALDO: No, he just told me -- kind of

1 told me what happened, she got arrest -- I mean Officer
2 [REDACTED] got arrested. He was just going to get a copy of
3 the restraining order and that was it.

4 MS. ROSNER: Did he talk to you at all about the
5 merits of the case?

6 SERGEANT IRALDO: No.

7 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did -- okay. So then after
8 that, did you have any further involvement with either
9 Officer [REDACTED] or Lieutenant Mendez with regards to this
10 case?

11 SERGEANT IRALDO: Then on October 9th, I guess,
12 we went to court.

13 MS. ROSNER: What was going on at court that
14 day?

15 SERGEANT IRALDO: Supposedly something about
16 a -- a protection -- a protection order.

17 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And why did you go?

18 SERGEANT IRALDO: Because Lieutenant Mendez told
19 me to come go with him to the court.

20 MS. ROSNER: Do you normally attend court for
21 protection orders?

22 SERGEANT IRALDO: Well, since I have been in IA,
23 I have not. I don't know their normal procedures. They
24 could have had cases before I got there that they have.
25 I don't know, but I have never had a case where I had to

1 go to court.

2 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

3 SERGEANT IRALDO: I don't know their practices
4 prior to me coming to the unit.

5 MS. ROSNER: Have you had cases where victims
6 have gone to get protective orders?

7 SERGEANT IRALDO: Not none of my cases.

8 MS. ROSNER: None of your cases?

9 SERGEANT IRALDO: No.

10 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Have you handled domestic
11 violence cases?

12 SERGEANT IRALDO: No.

13 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

14 SERGEANT IRALDO: Not since I've been in the
15 unit, no.

16 MS. ROSNER: Well, in your career with the
17 department?

18 SERGEANT IRALDO: No, I never had, that I can
19 recall.

20 MS. ROSNER: Did he ever indicate why he wanted
21 to go to the proceeding?

22 SERGEANT IRALDO: I guess to be able to get a
23 copy of the protective order. That's why I thought we
24 were going there, to get a copy of the protective order.

25 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did he talk to you on the

1 way there about the case or anything like that?

2 SERGEANT IRALDO: No, we really didn't talk
3 about the case. He was just saying he was going there to
4 get the protective order and that was basically it.

5 MS. ROSNER: That's what he told you?

6 SERGEANT IRALDO: Mm-hmm.

7 MS. ROSNER: And when you got there, did you go
8 into the courthouse?

9 SERGEANT IRALDO: We went into the courthouse.
10 I'm trying to remember did we sit down. You know, we
11 went into the court. I'm not for sure if we went
12 actually inside the court, but we did go into the
13 courthouse. I seen Officer [REDACTED] but that particular
14 day we did not speak to Officer [REDACTED] but we did speak
15 to [REDACTED]

16 MS. ROSNER: Right.

17 SERGEANT IRALDO: Yeah, we did talk to her.

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay. What did -- was that
19 conversation?

20 SERGEANT IRALDO: He wanted her to give him a
21 copy of the protective order, some paperwork, whatever
22 paperwork she was supposed to give him or wanted -- he
23 wanted. He wanted a copy of it. From whatever paperwork
24 she got from the court that day, he wanted a copy of it
25 from her.

1 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And did she give him the
2 paperwork?

3 SERGEANT IRALDO: Yeah, she gave him something.

4 MS. ROSNER: So was it your understanding a
5 protective order had been issued?

6 SERGEANT IRALDO: Yes.

7 MS. ROSNER: Were you there for that hearing on
8 that?

9 SERGEANT IRALDO: When we got there, I think
10 they had already talked about it and then we were just
11 waiting probably for paperwork. So if it wasn't the
12 protective order, it was a restraining order. It was one
13 of the orders for him to stay away from her.

14 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did he go talk to the clerk?

15 SERGEANT IRALDO: Who, Lieutenant Mendez?

16 MS. ROSNER: Yes.

17 SERGEANT IRALDO: No. He talked to [REDACTED]

18 MS. ROSNER: Other than asking for a copy of the
19 protective or the restraining order, what was the
20 conversation?

21 SERGEANT IRALDO: He got the paperwork. She
22 came to the car. She sat in there with me for a while
23 and she just kind of went into saying that, you know, she
24 loved [REDACTED] and she stayed there this long and he -- he
25 hit her a couple of times. This wasn't the first

1 incident. And then after that, Lieutenant Mendez came in
2 the car and -- I'm trying to think.

3 MS. ROSNER: Where was Lieutenant Mendez when
4 you were talking to [REDACTED]

5 SERGEANT IRALDO: When she came and sat in the
6 car, he went to go make a copy of the paperwork that she
7 gave him.

8 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And the car was where?

9 SERGEANT IRALDO: Parked at the courthouse. We
10 were like if the -- maybe right in front of the
11 courthouse.

12 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And what --

13 SERGEANT IRALDO: So we can -- so when we came
14 out the court, I think we couldn't find her. No, we came
15 out the court first and then I think we didn't see her,
16 and then all of the sudden -- we were waiting and then
17 all of the sudden she comes out.

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And -- well, when you said
19 she came out, did you -- when you -- you went into the
20 courthouse and you talked to her there, right?

21 SERGEANT IRALDO: No. When we went into the
22 courthouse, I don't remember actually going inside the
23 court. I can't recall if we went in the court that time
24 or not. I can't recall if we went into the court, but I
25 know that we talked to her. I can't remember if we

1 talked to her inside, but I know we were sitting in the
2 car and we see her come out, and then -- sorry, let me go
3 back. I think he called her on the telephone and he --
4 then she comes out, because I remember him saying, "Oh, I
5 see you." Then she walked over to our car.

6 MS. ROSNER: Do you know how he had her phone
7 number?

8 SERGEANT IRALDO: No, I don't.

9 MS. ROSNER: And, okay, so -- so on October 9th,
10 to the best of your recollection, you didn't go into the
11 courthouse. You were in the car and he called her?

12 SERGEANT IRALDO: We went into the courthouse,
13 and I can't remember if we actually saw her in the
14 courthouse or not. That's the part I don't remember.
15 But I know I don't think we went inside the court --
16 actual courtroom.

17 MS. ROSNER: Right.

18 SERGEANT IRALDO: We went into the courthouse.
19 I don't remember if we saw her in the courthouse, but I
20 know we go back to the car. He calls her, and then she
21 comes out.

22 MS. ROSNER: What did he say to her on the
23 phone? Did he say, "Hi, it's me," or do you remember?

24 SERGEANT IRALDO: He said something like, "[REDACTED]
25 Lieutenant Mendez, where" -- maybe he might have said,

1 "Where are you?" And he's talking to her, whatever she's
2 saying. And then next -- he asked her about the
3 paperwork.

4 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

5 SERGEANT IRALDO: And then that's when she comes
6 to the car. I know he was talking to her because he
7 tells her, "Oh, we right in front of you. The car right
8 in front of you, one straight." She had to look for us.

9 MS. ROSNER: Is it -- do you know if it's normal
10 protocol for a police officer to go to the courthouse to
11 meet a victim to get a copy of the restraining order?

12 SERGEANT IRALDO: I don't know if it's normal
13 protocol. I would think we would try to get it from our
14 officer. That would be my opinion, but I don't know if
15 it's normal protocol to them to speak to a victim about
16 the paperwork. I would think myself that we would be
17 communicating more with the officer.

18 MS. ROSNER: With Officer [REDACTED]

19 SERGEANT IRALDO: Yes, regarding paperwork.

20 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So she -- okay. So she came
21 down. Did he give her a hug or anything?

22 SERGEANT IRALDO: No.

23 MS. ROSNER: Was there any physical contact
24 between them?

25 SERGEANT IRALDO: No.

1 MS. ROSNER: And so she gave him the paperwork
2 and then --

3 SERGEANT IRALDO: She -- she gives him the
4 paperwork. She -- then she comes and sit in the car.
5 Well, you know what, when they were talking outside, I
6 was kind of sitting in the car, so then --

7 MS. ROSNER: Do you know what they were talking
8 about?

9 SERGEANT IRALDO: No. I wasn't really paying
10 attention. So then I sit in the car. Then he goes to
11 make a copy and then she sits in the car with me, and
12 then that's when she started talking about what happened,
13 he -- that wasn't the first time he hit her. Then
14 Lieutenant Mendez comes back, gives her the paperwork. I
15 think he asked her, did she want me to drive you to the
16 car but her car might have been not too far from us so
17 she just walked to the car.

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So he offered to give her a
19 ride?

20 SERGEANT IRALDO: To her car.

21 MS. ROSNER: Okay. (Sneezes.) Excuse me.

22 And what happened after that? You guys went
23 back to the department?

24 SERGEANT IRALDO: We came back to the
25 department.

1 MS. ROSNER: And did he -- again, was there any
2 conversation between you on the way back regarding the
3 case?

4 SERGEANT IRALDO: No, not the case. I think I
5 might have commented on what she had on.

6 MS. ROSNER: What was she wearing?

7 SERGEANT IRALDO: She was -- the first time I
8 saw her she was wearing a blue -- royal blue like real
9 short dress.

10 MS. ROSNER: This was at her house?

11 SERGEANT IRALDO: No, this was at court.

12 MS. ROSNER: Oh, okay.

13 SERGEANT IRALDO: Yeah. And I think I made a
14 comment about I don't know if I would be coming to court
15 dressed like that.

16 MS. ROSNER: And what did Lieutenant Mendez say?

17 SERGEANT IRALDO: He didn't really make a
18 comment on it.

19 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Had you met her -- prior to
20 going to her house shortly after September 20th, had you
21 met her before?

22 SERGEANT IRALDO: No.

23 MS. ROSNER: Are you friends with Officer

24 [REDACTED]

25 SERGEANT IRALDO: Friends outside of work or

1 just friends at work?

2 MS. ROSNER: Either.

3 SERGEANT IRALDO: I'm friends with [REDACTED]

4 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Are you friends with him
5 outside of work?

6 SERGEANT IRALDO: No.

7 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So you've never socialized
8 with him outside of work?

9 SERGEANT IRALDO: No.

10 MS. ROSNER: And then did you have any other
11 involvement with this case after that court hearing?

12 SERGEANT IRALDO: We went -- I went back to
13 court with him again on October 14th.

14 MS. ROSNER: And what was the purpose for going
15 on October 14th?

16 SERGEANT IRALDO: Again it was one of the --
17 either regarding the criminal protective order or the
18 restraining order. I can't remember which one. But I
19 know on that day we didn't go into the court. I looked
20 in. I didn't -- really didn't see anybody, but --

21 MS. ROSNER: You didn't go into the courtroom or
22 you didn't --

23 SERGEANT IRALDO: We went into the court
24 building. Didn't go into the courtroom. I looked in. I
25 didn't recognize anybody. I didn't recognize [REDACTED] and I

1 didn't -- and I think I saw Officer [REDACTED] but Officer
2 [REDACTED] and his attorney did not see me. So we waited
3 outside and then Officer [REDACTED] and his attorney came
4 out, and that's when I guess she might have got the
5 emergency protective order carried over that day. One of
6 the orders she got carried over. It had something to do
7 with the order. So we were talking to Officer [REDACTED]
8 and his attorney.

9 MS. ROSNER: What did you guys talk about?

10 SERGEANT IRALDO: Oh, he was just talking
11 about -- we was just basically waiting on some more --
12 the paperwork -- a copy of the paperwork that the court
13 had supposedly given [REDACTED] again that day, whether it was
14 the restraining order, the criminal protective order, I
15 don't know which one. So that time we was talking to
16 [REDACTED] and his attorney.

17 They get the paperwork. Lieutenant Mendez makes
18 a copy. At that time when we were standing out there,
19 eventually [REDACTED] comes out. She leaves or wherever she
20 went. She leaves and we didn't talk to her in the
21 courtroom -- the courthouse, I'm sorry.

22 MS. ROSNER: Did Lieutenant Mendez talk to her
23 at all that day?

24 SERGEANT IRALDO: So we -- everybody -- we get
25 the paperwork from [REDACTED] We leave. He said, "Oh, let

1 me call [REDACTED] And I said, "Well, what are you calling
2 [REDACTED] for?" And he said, "Oh, I want to get some
3 paperwork, a copy of the paperwork." I said, "Well, I
4 thought we got that last time." He said, "Oh, she gave
5 me the wrong one."

6 So he calls her. He asked her was she still at
7 the courthouse, and I guess she must have said something
8 like -- I don't know what she said but I don't think she
9 was there because she must have said she already left.
10 He continues to talk to her, but as he's talking to her,
11 he's talking to her in Spanish, so I don't know what they
12 were saying.

13 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So he communicated with her
14 in Spanish?

15 SERGEANT IRALDO: In the car that particular
16 time, yes.

17 MS. ROSNER: Had they communicated in Spanish
18 before?

19 SERGEANT IRALDO: No.

20 MS. ROSNER: Did you feel he was doing that so
21 that you wouldn't understand?

22 SERGEANT IRALDO: My opinion, yes. He didn't
23 want me to know what he was saying. Of course. I don't
24 speak Spanish.

25 MS. ROSNER: Did -- did prior -- the other times

1 that you saw her, at the house that first time and then
2 when she came to the car, did he speak in Spanish with
3 her those times?

4 SERGEANT IRALDO: No.

5 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And he indicated to you that
6 the reason he was calling her was because why?

7 SERGEANT IRALDO: He needed to get a copy -- he
8 needed to get some paperwork from her. And I said,
9 "Well, what paperwork are you getting from her? Because
10 I thought we got paperwork last time." And he said, "Oh,
11 she gave me the wrong paperwork."

12 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And you had gotten a copy of
13 the current paperwork. Did you get paperwork from
14 [REDACTED] on that day?

15 SERGEANT IRALDO: Yes, we did.

16 MS. ROSNER: What did you get from Officer
17 [REDACTED]

18 SERGEANT IRALDO: I didn't see the paperwork,
19 but it has to do with one of the protective orders,
20 whether it's the restraining order or the criminal
21 protective order. It was one of the cases. I don't
22 know. Since I'm not involved directly in the case, I
23 wasn't really concerned, but it was either the
24 restraining order or the criminal protective order, but
25 it had to -- it had to do with one of the protective

1 orders.

2 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And then did you ask him
3 what he was saying to her?

4 SERGEANT IRALDO: In Spanish?

5 MS. ROSNER: Yes.

6 SERGEANT IRALDO: No.

7 MS. ROSNER: Okay. After asking him about,
8 "Well, why do you need the paperwork from her," did you
9 have any further conversation with him about the case?

10 SERGEANT IRALDO: No.

11 MS. ROSNER: Okay. The first time that you went
12 to the courthouse, did you see [REDACTED] in the courtroom?

13 SERGEANT IRALDO: Yes, [REDACTED] was in the
14 courtroom.

15 MS. ROSNER: Okay. But --

16 SERGEANT IRALDO: You know what, let me rephrase
17 that. I think I opened the door and I looked in, and at
18 that time I saw [REDACTED] I didn't see -- oh, I did see
19 [REDACTED] and them in the court but they didn't see me, so
20 when they came out, we never interacted with [REDACTED] and
21 his attorney.

22 MS. ROSNER: So Lieutenant Mendez never went
23 over to Officer [REDACTED] on that date?

24 SERGEANT IRALDO: Not the first time, no.

25 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did you leave before they

1 came out of the courtroom? Was there a reason why you
2 didn't say hi to him?

3 SERGEANT IRALDO: I don't know if we left before
4 they came out the courtroom or maybe they just came out
5 and went that way and we were standing over to the side.
6 I can't remember. I think we might have was standing
7 over to the side talking to some -- another attorney or
8 somebody from -- that was assigned to -- to the actual
9 court, because I don't know if she got a lawyer or it was
10 a public defender or what, and I think that's who we were
11 talking to at the time.

12 So when [REDACTED] and them came out, I don't think
13 they even noticed -- saw us, so -- because we were
14 standing somewhere else talking. I just happened to see
15 them leave.

16 MS. ROSNER: So did -- did you see [REDACTED] then,
17 in the courthouse on that day on October 9?

18 SERGEANT IRALDO: Yeah, I did see her. I think
19 I opened the door and I saw her in the courthouse that
20 night, because I remember coming back and telling
21 Mendez -- now I remember -- that, "Oh, I see [REDACTED] but I
22 saw [REDACTED] and them sitting on this side, but they
23 didn't see me because I kind of just looked in and I
24 popped back out."

25 MS. ROSNER: And where were you? Like in the

1 hallway?

2 SERGEANT IRALDO: Yeah, like in the hallway.

3 You know, you just open the door and look in, and I
4 closed it.

5 MS. ROSNER: And so what happened then after
6 that? You closed the door and then what happened? Did
7 you guys leave?

8 SERGEANT IRALDO: No, we didn't leave exactly
9 right then and there. I think that's the day the --
10 maybe her, the person that was helping her get the
11 emergency protective order came out and was talking to us
12 a little bit or commented or was telling us something. I
13 just remember I know we was talking to somebody. I just
14 don't remember who it was.

15 MS. ROSNER: And where was [REDACTED] during that
16 conversation?

17 SERGEANT IRALDO: She was not there. It was us
18 and somebody else. [REDACTED] was never standing with us
19 inside the court or the court building at no time.

20 MS. ROSNER: She was in the courtroom?

21 SERGEANT IRALDO: She was in the courtroom. It
22 was over. She comes out. She leaves. But at no point
23 in time did we ever talk to [REDACTED] on the 9th or the 14th
24 in the court building.

25 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So did you see her walk by?

1 SERGEANT IRALDO: I seen her walk out, yes.

2 MS. ROSNER: So she passed you to walk out?

3 SERGEANT IRALDO: No, she -- well, we was kind
4 of this way and she just kind of walked out -- like she
5 might have not seen us either.

6 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did Lieutenant Mendez see
7 her?

8 SERGEANT IRALDO: I don't know if he saw her.

9 MS. ROSNER: But he didn't call out to her or
10 anything like that?

11 SERGEANT IRALDO: No. No. No.

12 MS. ROSNER: So what was the -- so he was asking
13 for, what, an update from -- was it her attorney or from
14 the --

15 SERGEANT IRALDO: He was talking to -- whoever
16 the person was, I can't remember. They kind of knew a
17 little bit about what was going on between [REDACTED] and
18 the [REDACTED] case. I mean, I think they were explaining to
19 us about maybe the restraining order or the protective
20 order. I don't know. I don't even know how we came in
21 contact with that guy. I really don't remember.

22 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And this conversation
23 occurred in the courtroom or just in the courthouse?

24 SERGEANT IRALDO: In the hall.

25 MS. ROSNER: In the hallway.

1 SERGEANT IRALDO: In the hallway, in the
2 courtroom. Right outside where their case was being
3 held.

4 MS. ROSNER: And when you -- which courthouse
5 was this, by the way?

6 SERGEANT IRALDO: Torrance.

7 MS. ROSNER: And when you left -- well, after
8 that conversation, what happened?

9 SERGEANT IRALDO: Then we go out -- we go out to
10 the car, and I think that's when he calls her and said --
11 trying to get a copy of some paperwork. Because I know
12 he called her because I remember him saying, "Oh, we're
13 right in front of you," and she was standing on the court
14 and I was -- we was looking at her when she walked out
15 the door.

16 MS. ROSNER: But he didn't make -- did he make
17 any attempts in the courthouse to contact her?

18 SERGEANT IRALDO: No. No.

19 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Now --

20 SERGEANT IRALDO: Now, if he tried on his phone
21 and was calling, I don't know, but personally, like if he
22 yelled out, "Hey, [REDACTED] come here, let me talk to you,"
23 no, we never talked to her inside the courthouse.

24 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And then the second time,
25 where was the -- was the conversation?

1 SERGEANT IRALDO: In the car, because she had
2 already left and then that's when he called her. And
3 then she had already exited the courthouse because we
4 were talking to [REDACTED] and his attorney at that time, so
5 she had already exited the courthouse. So when we get
6 back in the car, he says, "Oh, let me call her because I
7 need to get this paperwork." And that's when I said,
8 "Well, what paperwork? I thought we got the paperwork
9 already." And he said, "Oh, she's supposed to give me
10 some more paperwork because she gave me the wrong
11 paperwork."

12 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did you understand -- I know
13 you don't speak Spanish. Did you understand any of the
14 conversation?

15 SERGEANT IRALDO: No.

16 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

17 SERGEANT IRALDO: Well, I know he was talking to
18 her because he called her and they first started -- he
19 was talking English, and then all of the sudden whatever
20 he said after, he started to talk in Spanish.

21 MS. ROSNER: What was his tone? Was it
22 friendly? Familiar? Professional? Formal?

23 SERGEANT IRALDO: Just his regular monotone
24 tone.

25 MS. ROSNER: Okay. All right. Did you have any

1 other contact with Ms. [REDACTED] after that?

2 SERGEANT IRALDO: No.

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Have you talked to Officer
4 [REDACTED] at all about this case?

5 SERGEANT IRALDO: No.

6 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Have you had any further
7 conversations with Lieutenant [REDACTED] about either [REDACTED] or
8 about this case in any way?

9 SERGEANT IRALDO: With Lieutenant Mendez?

10 MS. ROSNER: Yeah. Mendez, sorry, yeah.

11 SERGEANT IRALDO: No.

12 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did -- did you ever hear
13 that they were dating at all? That he was -- Lieutenant
14 Mendez was dating Ms. [REDACTED]

15 SERGEANT IRALDO: No, not until the allegations
16 arose.

17 MS. ROSNER: What do you mean the allegation?

18 SERGEANT IRALDO: I mean until this case came
19 about, whenever, you know --

20 MS. ROSNER: Well, who told you that there was
21 an allegation they were dating?

22 SERGEANT IRALDO: Not the allegation they were
23 dating, when he was placed on administrative leave.

24 MS. ROSNER: Oh, okay. Got it. Did you hear
25 that water cooler talk or rumor in the department?

1 SERGEANT IRALDO: About them two dating?

2 MS. ROSNER: Yes.

3 SERGEANT IRALDO: No.

4 MS. ROSNER: No? Okay.

5 Did he ever tell you that he had any kind of
6 relationship with her other than professional?

7 SERGEANT IRALDO: No.

8 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did you ever see anything
9 between the two of them that suggested anything but a
10 professional relationship?

11 SERGEANT IRALDO: No.

12 MS. ROSNER: Did you ever see any social media
13 pictures of either [REDACTED] or Lieutenant Mendez together?

14 SERGEANT IRALDO: No.

15 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Do you know what Lieutenant
16 Mendez's role was with regards to Officer [REDACTED] case?

17 SERGEANT IRALDO: Well, at the time, he was the
18 on-call sergeant when the case came out. That's all I
19 thought that he was, but I didn't think he was going to
20 be investigator. Just because we're on call doesn't mean
21 it's going to be our case, so I really didn't know what
22 his role was as the lieutenant.

23 MS. ROSNER: Do you find it unusual that you
24 guys went twice to court to get paperwork for the
25 restraining order?

1 SERGEANT IRALDO: Yeah.

2 MS. ROSNER: Why?

3 SERGEANT IRALDO: Well, just me personally, my
4 thought, I wouldn't have never went to the court because
5 I said I would more get the paperwork from my officer. I
6 wouldn't be talking to [REDACTED]

7 MS. ROSNER: Okay. There was -- there was an
8 administrative investigation against Officer [REDACTED]
9 You're aware of that?

10 SERGEANT IRALDO: Yes.

11 MS. ROSNER: Do you know who's handling that?

12 SERGEANT IRALDO: I think it's Sergeant Handley.

13 MS. ROSNER: Have you ever talked to him about
14 the case?

15 SERGEANT IRALDO: Just when he -- about our
16 court dates because that's how I think I got told was
17 went to court with Lieutenant Mendez because the days
18 that she was going to court Sergeant Handley wasn't
19 available. So, you know, he was just telling me about
20 the -- the court dates we supposed to go and what's
21 supposed to happen and what are the orders, restraining
22 order, protective order, and that's basically it.

23 MS. ROSNER: Did he ask you, inquire as to why
24 you were going -- well, was he aware you were going to
25 court with Lieutenant Mendez?

1 SERGEANT IRALDO: Yes, Handley -- Sergeant
2 Handley was aware of the court dates because he was
3 handling the case.

4 MS. ROSNER: Did he ever ask you why you were
5 going to court?

6 SERGEANT IRALDO: No, because he was the one
7 saying, "Oh, Lieutenant Mendez wants you to go. You're
8 probably going to have to go to court with Lieutenant
9 Mendez on these dates because I'm not going to be here."

10 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Do you have any other
11 information with regards to Lieutenant Mendez's handling
12 of the administrative case with regards to Officer

13 [REDACTED]

14 SERGEANT IRALDO: No.

15 MS. ROSNER: Any other information regarding any
16 relationship, professional or otherwise, that he had with
17 Ms. [REDACTED]

18 SERGEANT IRALDO: No.

19 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did you ever speak to --
20 when you spoke to Officer [REDACTED] and he was with his
21 attorney at that time?

22 SERGEANT IRALDO: Yes.

23 MS. ROSNER: Did they -- were they talking about
24 an Instagram account? Do you recall? About her
25 Instagram account and pictures?

1 SERGEANT IRALDO: Oh, like she's posting
2 pictures on Instagram? Yes.

3 MS. ROSNER: What were they talking about?

4 SERGEANT IRALDO: They was just saying that she
5 posted, I think, something about her pictures and putting
6 it all on Instagram about what they were -- what happened
7 with her.

8 MS. ROSNER: And during that conversation, do
9 you recall, did Lieutenant Mendez, was he part of that
10 conversation or did he step away at some point and use
11 his phone?

12 SERGEANT IRALDO: I don't know if he was there,
13 because I do remember him stepping away to go make
14 copies, but I don't --

15 MS. ROSNER: What was he making copies -- oh, of
16 [REDACTED] paperwork?

17 SERGEANT IRALDO: Of [REDACTED] paperwork.

18 MS. ROSNER: Got it.

19 SERGEANT IRALDO: So I don't know if they were
20 talking about it prior to Mendez leaving to make copies
21 or before, but I know that it was said, something about
22 she's posting the Instagram pictures and all that stuff
23 on it.

24 MS. ROSNER: And then when you were in the car
25 with him when he was speaking Spanish to her on that

1 second court date, how long was the conversation?

2 SERGEANT IRALDO: All together I would say it
3 was about no longer than ten minutes.

4 MS. ROSNER: Okay. I don't think I have
5 anything else. Do you have anything else that you want
6 to add?

7 SERGEANT IRALDO: No.

8 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Then I think we are done.
9 We're going to go off record. Thank you.

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5 MS. ROSNER: Okay. This is a digitally recorded
6 interview for an IA Case Number 15-099. Today's date is
7 January 29, 2016, and the time is 1:10. And -- and my
8 name is Jennifer Rosner. I will be conducting the
9 interview of Sergeant Belinda Nettles. I am an attorney
10 at Liebert Cassidy Whitmore. Also present in this
11 conference room in my office is --

12 LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS: Lieutenant Vern Williams.

13 SERGEANT NETTLES: Sergeant Belinda Nettles.

14 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Thank you. You can proceed,
15 Lieutenant Williams.

16 LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS: Okay. Thank you. All
17 right. I'm a representative of the department. I'm also
18 Sergeant Nettles' supervisor. I'm going to read the
19 Employee Statement of Administrative Rights.

20 So I'm ordering you to answer questions related
21 to this investigation for administrative purposes only.
22 If you refuse, your silence can be deemed insubordination
23 and result in administrative discipline, which could
24 result in your discharge.

25 You're ordered to answer the questions

1 truthfully. Making any false or misleading statements is
2 misconduct, which could result in discipline, including
3 discharge.

4 So please read the line and sign and date.

5 SERGEANT NETTLES: I understand my
6 administrative rights as read to me. I agree to answer
7 questions related to this investigation.

8 LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS: Thank you.

9 MS. ROSNER: Great. Thank you. So the nature
10 of this interview is an allegation of misconduct against
11 an Airport Police officer. Can you state and spell your
12 name for the record.

13 SERGEANT NETTLES: Belinda Nettles,
14 B-e-l-i-n-d-a, N-e-t-t-l-e-s.

15 MS. ROSNER: And what is your current rank with
16 the department?

17 SERGEANT NETTLES: I am a Sergeant II.

18 MS. ROSNER: And what is your current
19 assignment?

20 SERGEANT NETTLES: Assigned to Internal Affairs
21 as an investigator.

22 MS. ROSNER: And what are your duties?

23 SERGEANT NETTLES: I take complaints from
24 citizens. I conduct case investigations on complaints
25 that come in from citizens and other employees of Airport

1 Police against our officers that work at the airport.

2 MS. ROSNER: And how long have you been employed
3 with Los Angeles World Airport?

4 SERGEANT NETTLES: Since 1996.

5 MS. ROSNER: And how long have you been a peace
6 officer?

7 SERGEANT NETTLES: Since 1996.

8 MS. ROSNER: Now, were you involved in either
9 the criminal or administrative affairs investigations
10 against Officer [REDACTED]

11 SERGEANT NETTLES: No.

12 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Do you work with Lieutenant
13 Mendez?

14 SERGEANT NETTLES: Yes.

15 MS. ROSNER: In what capacity?

16 SERGEANT NETTLES: He was my supervisor in
17 Internal Affairs. Most recently that's when I worked
18 with him.

19 MS. ROSNER: How long was he your supervisor?

20 SERGEANT NETTLES: I was assigned to the unit in
21 September 2015. Yeah, September 2015.

22 MS. ROSNER: What was your assignment prior to
23 September 2015?

24 SERGEANT NETTLES: I was the Public Information
25 Officer assigned to the Chief of Police or out of the

1 office of the Chief.

2 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

3 LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS: You mean 2014?

4 SERGEANT NETTLES: Oh, I'm sorry. Yeah, I
5 started working in Internal Affairs in September 2014.

6 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Were you involved in any of
7 the proceedings with regards to the investigations that
8 were going on with regards to Officer [REDACTED]

9 SERGEANT NETTLES: No.

10 MS. ROSNER: Did you attend the -- there was a
11 restraining order hearing that was conducted with regards
12 to an incident involving Officer [REDACTED] and his
13 girlfriend, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

14 Were you familiar with that?

15 SERGEANT NETTLES: No.

16 MS. ROSNER: Okay. You didn't attend that?

17 SERGEANT NETTLES: No.

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did you have any
19 conversations with Lieutenant Mendez -- do you know who
20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is?

21 SERGEANT NETTLES: Only because you're
22 referencing Lieutenant Mendez and [REDACTED] I don't -- I
23 never met her and I didn't really know what her name was
24 until you just said it.

25 MS. ROSNER: Okay. In what context did you know

1 who she was?

2 SERGEANT NETTLES: In reference to the
3 restraining order case that you're speaking of, I knew
4 that it was involving his significant other, his spouse,
5 his girlfriend, and that's all I knew about her. But I
6 never met her nor had I ever talked to her.

7 MS. ROSNER: [REDACTED] girlfriend?

8 SERGEANT NETTLES: Yes.

9 MS. ROSNER: And did you -- do you know what
10 Mendez's role was with regards to that proceeding?

11 SERGEANT NETTLES: Mendez and I spoke about it
12 briefly one day and he told me that he was actually on
13 call the day that that incident occurred, and so I think
14 he responded to the incident or received a phone call or
15 something like that.

16 MS. ROSNER: To the phone call by -- by [REDACTED]

17 SERGEANT NETTLES: I -- I don't know.

18 MS. ROSNER: You don't know. Okay.

19 SERGEANT NETTLES: He didn't say who the phone
20 call was from, but him being on call, I don't know if it
21 came from Airport Police or from whatever other agency
22 was involved.

23 MS. ROSNER: Okay. How well do you know Officer

24 [REDACTED]

25 SERGEANT NETTLES: I've supervised him when I

1 was a sergeant in patrol. He worked for me. I didn't
2 have any issues with him. I don't know him personally.
3 I know him professionally.

4 MS. ROSNER: Does he -- how long has he been
5 with the department?

6 SERGEANT NETTLES: I don't know.

7 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did he ever work in Internal
8 Affairs?

9 SERGEANT NETTLES: No.

10 MS. ROSNER: Okay. When Mendez told you he was
11 on call to respond to this incident, did he tell you he
12 actually responded to the incident?

13 SERGEANT NETTLES: He said that he was on call
14 the night that the incident happened and so he handled
15 the complaint and that is why he was going to the court
16 proceedings. That's all he said.

17 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And do you know -- did he
18 ever talk to you about [REDACTED] relationship with his
19 girlfriend?

20 SERGEANT NETTLES: No, not really. I didn't
21 really have any discussions with him about their
22 relationship.

23 MS. ROSNER: Did you ever talk to him about any
24 contact he had with [REDACTED] girlfriend, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

25 SERGEANT NETTLES: I -- I remember him

1 mentioning that she was afraid or uncomfortable when it
2 related to the court proceedings that he was going to,
3 but that's about the extent of it.

4 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did he ever tell you that he
5 was going to meet her or interview her or anything like
6 that?

7 SERGEANT NETTLES: No.

8 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Any other conversations that
9 you recall him speaking to you about with regards to
10 either Officer [REDACTED] and this incident or Ms. [REDACTED]

11 SERGEANT NETTLES: There was brief
12 conversation -- there was some conversation with him
13 about [REDACTED] when I was -- when we went to do the door
14 knock for [REDACTED] and he spoke a little bit about the
15 case then.

16 MS. ROSNER: What was the door knock?

17 SERGEANT NETTLES: The door knock was when we
18 went to -- it's when you go to -- it's when you go to
19 officers or security officers whose on administrative
20 leave, it's when you go check to make sure that they're
21 home when they're off duty on administrative leave, you
22 know, during the day.

23 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And did you -- so you did
24 that with Lieutenant Mendez?

25 SERGEANT NETTLES: Lieutenant Mendez, yes.

1 MS. ROSNER: And do you know when you did that?

2 SERGEANT NETTLES: It was November the 18th.

3 MS. ROSNER: 18?

4 SERGEANT NETTLES: Yes.

5 MS. ROSNER: 2015?

6 SERGEANT NETTLES: Yes.

7 MS. ROSNER: And you went to his home?

8 SERGEANT NETTLES: Yes.

9 MS. ROSNER: And what happened when you went to

10 his home?

11 SERGEANT NETTLES: We went to his home. We

12 knocked on the door. He invited us in. Lieutenant

13 Mendez had some conversation with him about confirming

14 the interview that was coming up for that following

15 Wednesday and whether or not he was going to make that

16 interview.

17 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

18 SERGEANT NETTLES: And he informed him that we

19 were coming by because door knocks are something that

20 the -- the unit has done in the past and that we were

21 starting back to do door knocks again.

22 MS. ROSNER: Did he talk to Officer [REDACTED]

23 about Ms. [REDACTED]

24 SERGEANT NETTLES: No.

25 MS. ROSNER: Have you ever met Ms. [REDACTED]

1 SERGEANT NETTLES: No.

2 MS. ROSNER: Has Officer Mendez ever talked to
3 you about a personal relationship with -- between him and
4 Ms. [REDACTED]

5 SERGEANT NETTLES: No.

6 MS. ROSNER: Have you ever seen the two of them
7 together?

8 SERGEANT NETTLES: No.

9 MS. ROSNER: Did you ever hear that they were
10 dating or in some type of sexual relationship?

11 SERGEANT NETTLES: No.

12 MS. ROSNER: And you -- you didn't go to the
13 restraining order hearing? You weren't involved with
14 those court proceedings?

15 SERGEANT NETTLES: No.

16 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Do you know -- you said
17 Lieutenant Mendez indicated he had responded to an
18 incident where he was on call. Do you recall when that
19 conversation took place?

20 SERGEANT NETTLES: It was the day -- you know,
21 it was actually on the 18th. It was the day that we did
22 the door knock.

23 MS. ROSNER: November 18?

24 SERGEANT NETTLES: Mm-hmm.

25 MS. ROSNER: And when he told you that he was

1 going to court, was that the same conversation or was
2 that a different conversation?

3 SERGEANT NETTLES: I asked him -- I'm not sure
4 if it was that conversation or a previous conversation,
5 but I asked him why was he going to court on the case
6 instead of someone else, and he said because he's the one
7 who actually received the call when the incident
8 initiated. He was on call at that time, and that's why
9 he was handling the going to court and whatever other
10 processes took place related to the case.

11 MS. ROSNER: Did it -- did you find it unusual
12 that he was the one that was going to court on this?

13 SERGEANT NETTLES: Well, I felt that considering
14 I was a newer investigator that maybe it would be more
15 beneficial for the newer investigators in the unit to
16 attend those type things so that they could learn what
17 was going on in those processes. So that's when he told
18 me the reason he was going is because he was the person
19 who took the initial call and he was on call at the time,
20 so that's why he was handling it.

21 MS. ROSNER: Did he tell you whether he was
22 testifying as a witness at the hearing?

23 SERGEANT NETTLES: No.

24 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Is it customary for the
25 officer who is -- who responds to the call to then be the

1 ones who go to court on that -- on those proceedings?

2 SERGEANT NETTLES: Sometimes, but I think that
3 once the complaint is taken and the intake is done that
4 it's given to the lieutenant and then the lieutenant
5 decides if that person is going to handle the case or if
6 they're going to assign it to someone different. So it
7 just depends on the lieutenant.

8 MS. ROSNER: So it can be delegated to someone
9 else?

10 SERGEANT NETTLES: It can be.

11 MS. ROSNER: And has it been, in your
12 experience?

13 SERGEANT NETTLES: I don't know, because I'd
14 only been there a year, and when I first came, Lieutenant
15 Williams was there. It didn't happen in that time I was
16 there that -- not that I can recall, that I got a case
17 that he received when he was on call. Then he left, and
18 most of my time there Lieutenant Mendez was there, and I
19 don't recall, you know, if there's been another case that
20 he received while he was on call that he reassigned to
21 someone else. I don't know.

22 MS. ROSNER: Okay. The court proceeding he was
23 going to, what was your understanding of what the nature
24 of that proceeding was?

25 SERGEANT NETTLES: I knew that it involved

1 [REDACTED] and the -- that incident, but I didn't have a lot
2 of details on it because I wasn't involved and I had not
3 been to court. So I didn't hear what was going on and I
4 never really asked any details about what was happening.

5 MS. ROSNER: Did you later find out that it was
6 a restraining order hearing?

7 SERGEANT NETTLES: Yes, I did.

8 MS. ROSNER: When did you find that out?

9 SERGEANT NETTLES: It was mentioned a couple of
10 times, but I didn't really pay that much attention to it.
11 And then I talked about it a little bit more with
12 Lieutenant Mendez when we were on our way to do the door
13 knock.

14 MS. ROSNER: What did he say about it?

15 SERGEANT NETTLES: He mentioned that -- I just
16 remember him saying that they wanted -- he wanted to
17 confirm the interview that was coming up on Wednesday and
18 that it had to do with -- with the restraining order and
19 the interview, and I don't -- I don't really remember the
20 details about that conversation, but I just remember him
21 mentioning that the interview was connected to the
22 restraining order.

23 MS. ROSNER: And was the restraining order
24 hearing, was it the same date that you did the door
25 knock?

1 SERGEANT NETTLES: No.

2 MS. ROSNER: Do you know when the restraining
3 order hearing was?

4 SERGEANT NETTLES: No.

5 MS. ROSNER: Was it -- it was prior to your
6 conversation with him on November 18?

7 SERGEANT NETTLES: The restraining order
8 hearing?

9 MS. ROSNER: Yes.

10 SERGEANT NETTLES: Well, I know that there were
11 a few instances in which he went to court with another
12 investigator in the office, but I don't remember what the
13 dates were -- were, but I know there were maybe two. It
14 could have been more, but I only remember two. And I'm
15 assuming it was related to that, but I didn't really ask
16 a lot of questions because I wasn't involved.

17 MS. ROSNER: Okay. With regards to restraining
18 order hearings, have you ever been to one?

19 SERGEANT NETTLES: No.

20 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Do you know whether it's
21 customary for the officer who responds to the incident or
22 someone who's delegated to go to these restraining order
23 hearings?

24 SERGEANT NETTLES: I don't know.

25 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did you ever become aware of

1 pictures that Ms. [REDACTED] was posting on social media
2 pages --

3 SERGEANT NETTLES: No.

4 MS. ROSNER: -- with regards to [REDACTED] or with
5 regards to Mendez?

6 SERGEANT NETTLES: Was I aware that they were
7 being posted?

8 MS. ROSNER: Right.

9 SERGEANT NETTLES: No.

10 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So you've never seen any of
11 her social media sites?

12 SERGEANT NETTLES: No.

13 MS. ROSNER: And no one ever told you that she
14 was posting pictures with regards to this [REDACTED]
15 incident or with regards to any relationship she may have
16 had with Mendez?

17 SERGEANT NETTLES: No.

18 MS. ROSNER: Have you ever heard of the 6th
19 Street Bridge fest? Do you know what that is?

20 SERGEANT NETTLES: No.

21 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did anyone ever tell you
22 that they saw Mendez and Ms. [REDACTED] -- Lieutenant Mendez
23 and Ms. [REDACTED] out together at any point in time?

24 SERGEANT NETTLES: No.

25 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Ever hear anything or

1 observe -- well, you never met her, so you never saw them
2 together yourself?

3 SERGEANT NETTLES: No.

4 MS. ROSNER: Did anyone ever tell you that they
5 were having a relationship or were dating or anything
6 like that?

7 SERGEANT NETTLES: No. After -- I know he's not
8 there in the unit anymore and I know that it had
9 something to do with those type accusations, but I never
10 heard anything like that before he was no longer in the
11 unit.

12 MS. ROSNER: How did you find out about the
13 allegations?

14 SERGEANT NETTLES: Well, after he was -- after
15 he left, we had an office meeting about the fact that he
16 was no longer there and it was based on some allegations.

17 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Do you ever talk -- have you
18 talked to Lieutenant Mendez since he's been on admin
19 leave?

20 SERGEANT NETTLES: No.

21 MS. ROSNER: Okay. What about -- is Officer
22 [REDACTED] still on admin leave, to your knowledge?

23 SERGEANT NETTLES: I -- I think so. We don't
24 handle -- we used to check the messages for the on-call
25 line, but one of the receptionists do that now, so we

1 don't check the lines anymore, so I'm not sure if he is
2 still on admin leave or not.

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So you haven't spoken to him
4 since -- well, have you spoken to him since that door
5 knock on November 18, 2015?

6 SERGEANT NETTLES: He came in the office for an
7 interview. I saw him and said "hello," but that was the
8 extent of it.

9 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So you've never spoken to
10 him about his case?

11 SERGEANT NETTLES: Never.

12 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And you've never spoken to
13 him about any potential relationship that Ms. [REDACTED] was or
14 is having with Lieutenant Mendez?

15 SERGEANT NETTLES: No.

16 MS. ROSNER: Do you have anything else to add
17 that -- based on my questions that you can think of?

18 SERGEANT NETTLES: No.

19 MS. ROSNER: No. Okay. I think that is -- that
20 is it.

21 SERGEANT NETTLES: Okay.

22 MS. ROSNER: So thank you very much.

23 SERGEANT NETTLES: Okay.

24 MS. ROSNER: I appreciate it, and if I have
25 anything further, I will either contact you or someone at

1 the department.

2 SERGEANT NETTLES: Okay.

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay. We are going off tape.

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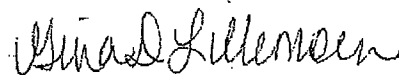
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5 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Again, today is February 16.

6 Time is 2:56, and I will be conducting the interview.

7 And present for this interview with Officer [REDACTED] is --

8 MR. BAKHIT: John Bakhit with the Mastagni

9 Holstedt Law Firm.

10 OFFICER [REDACTED] And I'm [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

11 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And you -- can you spell

12 your last name.

13 OFFICER [REDACTED] Sure, last name [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

14 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

15 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So the nature of this
16 interview is an allegation of misconduct against another
17 Airport Police officer. As I ask you questions, or if
18 not already, you probably know what it's regarding. What
19 is your title and rank currently with the department?

20 OFFICER [REDACTED] Currently I'm a detective with
21 the [REDACTED] unit. Also a Police Officer III.

22 Ms. Rosner, can we go off the record for one
23 quick second?

24 MS. ROSNER: Sure.

25 OFFICER [REDACTED] Thanks.

1 (There was a pause in the recording.)

2 MS. ROSNER: Okay. We're back on record. Okay.

3 So there was -- well, first of all, let me ask you, as
4 the detective, are you -- is that part of the IA
5 department?

6 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

7 MS. ROSNER: Have you ever work in -- worked in
8 IA?

9 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

10 MS. ROSNER: Have you ever worked with
11 Lieutenant Mendez?

12 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yes.

13 MS. ROSNER: In what capacity?

14 OFFICER [REDACTED] He was my Watch Commander for
15 when I was on patrol. It was watch one. It was a watch
16 that I worked from 5:00 in the -- 5:00 in the morning
17 until 3:00 p.m. He was an acting Watch Commander. I
18 don't remember how long it was for, though.

19 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Was he a sergeant at the
20 time?

21 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yes, he was a sergeant.

22 MS. ROSNER: How long have you been with the
23 department?

24 OFFICER [REDACTED] Nine years. It will be nine
25 years in April.

1 MS. ROSNER: And when did you become a
2 detective?

3 OFFICER [REDACTED] Approximately almost two years
4 now.

5 MS. ROSNER: Two years ago?

6 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yeah.

7 MS. ROSNER: Is that a rotation assignment?

8 OFFICER [REDACTED] It's a five-year assignment.
9 Yeah, it's rotation.

10 MS. ROSNER: And so there was an incident that
11 occurred on September 20, 2015, between you and a [REDACTED]
12 [REDACTED]

13 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yes.

14 MS. ROSNER: Is that her name or is it -- did
15 she go by [REDACTED]

16 OFFICER [REDACTED] That's her nickname. Her name
17 is -- her full -- her true last -- her true name is
18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

19 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And is she currently your
20 girlfriend?

21 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

22 MS. ROSNER: Okay. But she was your girlfriend?

23 OFFICER [REDACTED] At the time, yes.

24 MS. ROSNER: How long did you guys date?

25 OFFICER [REDACTED] We were on and off for

1 approximately two years.

2 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And when did the
3 relationship end?

4 OFFICER [REDACTED] On September 20th.

5 MS. ROSNER: Have you spoken to her at all since
6 September 20th to today?

7 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

8 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And you also lived with her
9 for a period of time?

10 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yes.

11 MS. ROSNER: What period of time was that?

12 OFFICER [REDACTED] She moved in approximately in
13 June 2015. I want to say around June -- the mid --
14 mid-June. I could get you exact dates if you want. I
15 don't have them right now.

16 MS. ROSNER: That's okay.

17 OFFICER [REDACTED] She moved out September -- on
18 the week of -- her last day there was, I believe,
19 September 23rd, 2015.

20 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And so what happened, if you
21 can briefly tell me, on September 20th, 2015.

22 MR. [REDACTED] And this matter is still being
23 actively investigated by the district attorney's office
24 and also by the Internal Affairs investigators, so I
25 don't think it's proper for him to discuss the incident

1 that occurred that day.

2 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Are you going to order him
3 then not to discuss?

4 MR. [REDACTED] No, I will never -- I will never
5 ask him not to answer a question because he was ordered
6 to answer questions pursuant to an administrative order.
7 However, he is here to answer questions in the capacity
8 of being a witness in apparently Lieutenant Mendez's
9 matter and not to discuss his matter that he was here
10 for, so I don't feel it's appropriate to ask. If you
11 want to -- for him to advise you what the end result of
12 the incidents that happened that day were?

13 MS. ROSNER: Well, let me ask you, there was an
14 incident. It was -- it was at your home, correct?

15 OFFICER [REDACTED] Answer?

16 MR. [REDACTED] Yeah.

17 OFFICER [REDACTED] Correct.

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And police responded to your
19 home?

20 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yes.

21 MS. ROSNER: And who responded?

22 OFFICER [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Police Department.

23 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

24 OFFICER [REDACTED] Oh, and at the time I
25 contacted my department, LAXPD, spoke to Watch Commander

1 Sergeant Barron, and I believe Sergeant Barron ordered
2 Sergeant Ino to respond to my home and to the police
3 department.

4 MS. ROSNER: Sergeant who?

5 OFFICER [REDACTED] Ino, I-n-o.

6 MS. ROSNER: And who -- what department is he
7 in?

8 OFFICER [REDACTED] He's (Inaudible).

9 MR. [REDACTED] I think he's part of the range
10 staff.

11 MS. ROSNER: Oh, okay.

12 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yes.

13 MS. ROSNER: Got it. Okay. So when he -- so
14 I'm not going to ask you about the facts, but I do want
15 to ask you about the response on behalf of especially
16 Airport Police. So -- so was Sergeant Ino the only one,
17 then, that arrived that day to your home from Airport
18 Police?

19 OFFICER [REDACTED] I never seen him at my home.
20 By that time I was already transported to the [REDACTED]
21 jail.

22 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

23 OFFICER [REDACTED] But I did see him at the
24 [REDACTED] jail.

25 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

1 OFFICER [REDACTED] And he did get my weapons that
2 were in my home.

3 MS. ROSNER: Now, when you contacted Airport
4 Police, what did you say or who did you -- well, let me
5 ask you, who did you speak to?

6 OFFICER [REDACTED] Sergeant Barron.

7 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Was he your supervisor?

8 OFFICER [REDACTED] No. I just contacted the
9 Watch Commander.

10 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And what did you tell him?

11 OFFICER [REDACTED] I said, "I had an incident
12 with my girlfriend. I need somebody to respond to my
13 house now."

14 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And he dispatched Sergeant
15 Ino?

16 OFFICER [REDACTED] Correct.

17 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And you said that -- okay.
18 So you didn't see Sergeant Ino until you got to -- was it
19 [REDACTED] PD?

20 OFFICER [REDACTED] Jail.

21 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Jail.

22 And at what point did you see Sergeant Ino?

23 OFFICER [REDACTED] While I was being processed.

24 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And what conversation did
25 you have with him?

1 OFFICER [REDACTED] He asked me how -- you know,
2 how -- first of all, he was concerned about me. He said,
3 "How are you doing? Is there anything I can do for you?
4 Anybody you want me to call?" And he told me that he's
5 going to -- he's going to take my weapons and my badge.
6 Yeah, my weapons and my badge, and that was it.

7 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And were you released that
8 day or the next day?

9 OFFICER [REDACTED] That day.

10 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And did you go home after?

11 OFFICER [REDACTED] I was escorted home because
12 there was -- there was an emergency protective order put
13 on me, so I had to be escorted home and get my
14 belongings.

15 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

16 OFFICER [REDACTED] But I was escorted home by
17 [REDACTED] PD.

18 MS. ROSNER: Do you know whether anyone from
19 Airport Police attended that hearing for the emergency
20 protective order?

21 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yeah.

22 MS. ROSNER: Who -- who was there?

23 OFFICER [REDACTED] On one of the -- one of the
24 hearings it was Lieutenant Mendez and Sergeant Iraldo.

25 MR. [REDACTED] Was that for the emergency

1 protective order or the (Inaudible).

2 OFFICER [REDACTED] No, there wasn't a hearing for
3 the EPO. There was a hearing for the restraining order.
4 The EPO expired in five days.

5 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Do you know, did she obtain
6 that? Was that [REDACTED] obtained the EPO?

7 OFFICER [REDACTED] I believe so.

8 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Do you know whether any of
9 the Airport Police officers were involved with that, the
10 EPO?

11 OFFICER [REDACTED] No, not that I know of.

12 MS. ROSNER: Was it served on you?

13 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yes.

14 MS. ROSNER: Who was it served on you by?

15 OFFICER [REDACTED] [REDACTED] PD.

16 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

17 OFFICER [REDACTED] It's part of a domestic
18 violence process.

19 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And so then there was a
20 restraining order hearing?

21 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yes.

22 MS. ROSNER: Did you go to that?

23 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yes.

24 MS. ROSNER: And who was there?

25 OFFICER [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Lieutenant

1 Mendez and Sergeant Iraldo, and my attorney, [REDACTED]
 2 [REDACTED] While I was in the [REDACTED] jail, I got a call
 3 from Lieutenant Mendez.

4 MS. ROSNER: And what did he tell you?

5 OFFICER [REDACTED] He called to tell me -- ask me
 6 how I was doing, for support, whatever I needed, that I
 7 was there -- he was there for me, to hang in there. Just
 8 words of encouragement at the time.

9 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did he ask you at that time
 10 what happened?

11 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

12 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Now, when you saw them at
 13 the hearing, were they standing -- what was the -- why
 14 were they there, to your understanding?

15 OFFICER [REDACTED] Why was who?

16 MS. ROSNER: In what capacity was Lieutenant
 17 Mendez and Sergeant Iraldo at the hearing?

18 OFFICER [REDACTED] I guess in the capacity of
 19 their work, their duties. I don't --

20 MS. ROSNER: Well, were they testifying or why
 21 were they attending the restraining order hearing, if you
 22 know?

23 OFFICER [REDACTED] I don't know.

24 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Do you find it unusual that
 25 Lieutenant Mendez was there?

1 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yes.

2 MS. ROSNER: And why do you find it unusual?

3 OFFICER [REDACTED] Well, my ex, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] she
4 was posting stuff on IG about domestic violence, about
5 being a victim. She was posting stuff about showing her
6 face, her alleged injuries. She was posting stuff about
7 the LAXPD, about how could they allow cops to work there,
8 about just negative stuff about -- about myself. And she
9 was on and on about domestic violence. Her account was
10 public. Therefore, myself, you or John could go online
11 and just look at her account.

12 MS. ROSNER: I just want to -- okay. Go ahead.

13 OFFICER [REDACTED] All right. So my attorney and
14 I were -- you know, we were just looking at what she was
15 posting to -- to use for ourselves in the future for
16 whatever reasons. So Sergeant Iraldo and Lieutenant
17 Mendez, we had a recess -- or I think it was over or we
18 had a recess. We were outside in the hallway.
19 Lieutenant Mendez again, "Hey, [REDACTED] how are you
20 doing? You know, is there anything I can do for you?
21 Hang in there. Be strong. I've been through this. I
22 know what you're going through. You got to be strong.
23 Whatever you need, I'm here for you."

24 As a matter of fact, I said, "Yeah, you know
25 what? I'm -- you know, it's rough right now so I'm

1 selling my motorcycle." So I showed him a picture of it.
2 He goes, "Okay. If I know anybody, I'll let them know
3 just to help you out." I said, "Cool."

4 Sergeant Iraldo, same thing, "Hang in there,
5 [REDACTED] You're a good guy. You know, we want you back.
6 You know, be strong, be positive. Whatever you need, I'm
7 here for you."

8 Lieutenant Mendez asked [REDACTED] "How you guys
9 holding" -- you know, "How's it look? How does
10 everything look?" She goes, "Oh, it looks good. We got
11 a private investigator." And he was surprised when [REDACTED]
12 told him, "Yeah, we got a private investigator." He was
13 really surprised.

14 So he started using his cell phone. He -- he --
15 he took a -- he -- he -- he walked away. He said, "Hey,
16 you know what, guys, I got to go make some copies, I got
17 to get some paperwork. I'll be back." All right. So he
18 came back. We kept talking. "Hey, [REDACTED] good luck
19 with you. We'll talk later." "Okay. Cool."

20 Less than an hour later, [REDACTED] and I -- it was
21 already over, the hearing. [REDACTED] and I, my attorney,
22 looked at her account and everything was deleted.
23 Everything was deleted.

24 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Now, at the hearing, where
25 was Lieutenant Mendez? Was he sitting with you and your

1 attorney or was he sitting with Ms. [REDACTED]

2 OFFICER [REDACTED] Well, it's an open court.

3 MS. ROSNER: Right.

4 OFFICER [REDACTED] There's not really -- I

5 mean --

6 MS. ROSNER: Well, there's -- it would -- it's a
7 civil courtroom, right?

8 OFFICER [REDACTED] It was a civil courtroom.

9 There was other people there.

10 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So where were you sitting?
11 Where was Lieutenant Mendez sitting?

12 OFFICER [REDACTED] I was sitting on the left side
13 of the courtroom.

14 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

15 OFFICER [REDACTED] At the time, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was
16 sitting on the right side of the courtroom.

17 MS. ROSNER: Was she with an attorney?

18 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

19 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

20 OFFICER [REDACTED] She was with a friend. And
21 then Lieutenant Mendez and Sergeant Iraldo came in, and
22 they didn't sit down, actually. They just -- as soon as
23 it was like kind of over, they walked in. They were
24 late, and that's when we went outside and talked.

25 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did you see him speaking to

1 Ms. [REDACTED] at any point during that hearing?

2 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay. What about Sergeant Iraldo?

4 OFFICER [REDACTED] What about her?

5 MS. ROSNER: Did -- is that a female officer?

6 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yes.

7 MS. ROSNER: Did she speak to Ms. [REDACTED] at any
8 point in the hearing?

9 OFFICER [REDACTED] No, but we -- she did
10 conversate to me about the stuff she was posting.

11 MS. ROSNER: What did she tell you?

12 OFFICER [REDACTED] She said it was ridiculous, it
13 was crazy. She was talking about the department. She
14 said for me to hang in there and be strong.

15 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So they just came in towards
16 the end and then spoke to you and your attorney, and then
17 did they leave?

18 OFFICER [REDACTED] They did leave, yeah.

19 MS. ROSNER: Okay. You don't know why they were
20 there?

21 OFFICER [REDACTED] I don't.

22 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And so they didn't -- did
23 anyone testify at the restraining order hearing?

24 OFFICER [REDACTED] No, it has to be -- it had to
25 be continued. It's still actually continued because of

1 my criminal case.

2 MS. ROSNER: Oh, okay. Got it.

3 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yeah.

4 MS. ROSNER: All right. And so after that
5 happened -- well, before, actually, the restraining order
6 hearing, you said you went onto Instagram and saw the
7 photos that were being posted --

8 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yeah.

9 MS. ROSNER: -- by Ms. [REDACTED]

10 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yeah.

11 MS. ROSNER: And what was she posting?

12 OFFICER [REDACTED] Stuff about being a victim,
13 about domestic violence, pictures of her alleged bruises
14 and face. She had a video, it's called Flipagram, a
15 video of her bruises, of her body, and of me and her.

16 MS. ROSNER: Did -- was Lieutenant Mendez, did
17 you see him on her -- any of the photos or anything like
18 that?

19 OFFICER [REDACTED] No. No.

20 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So after -- did Lieutenant
21 Mendez say anything unusual to you at the restraining
22 order hearing?

23 OFFICER [REDACTED] He didn't say anything
24 unusual. He was just surprised when we told him we had a
25 private -- I hired a private investigator.

1 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

2 OFFICER [REDACTED] And he disappeared for a
3 while.

4 MS. ROSNER: Did you tell him why you had hired
5 a private investigator?

6 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

7 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And did he ask you why there
8 was a private investigator involved?

9 OFFICER [REDACTED] No, but my attorney, you know,
10 kind of just told him that we're taking care of business
11 and we need to use all of our resources, and part of use
12 having a private -- and that was part of having a private
13 investigator.

14 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did your attorney tell
15 Mendez what the private investigator was doing?

16 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

17 MS. ROSNER: Did you discuss the Instagram
18 account with Lieutenant -- when Lieutenant Mendez was
19 there with your attorney?

20 OFFICER [REDACTED] He knew about it. It was
21 around the whole station.

22 MS. ROSNER: What was around the whole station?

23 OFFICER [REDACTED] That -- her postings.

24 MS. ROSNER: Did he ever talk to you about that?

25 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

1 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So other than -- when you
2 say he knew about it, you're just saying because it was
3 common knowledge?

4 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yeah, the whole department, I
5 was getting calls from everybody, "Hey, what's going on?
6 I saw this. I heard this."

7 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

8 OFFICER [REDACTED] I mean -- go ahead.

9 MS. ROSNER: No, go ahead.

10 OFFICER [REDACTED] You know, rumors fly around
11 police stations, I'm sure you're aware of, like --

12 MS. ROSNER: Right.

13 OFFICER [REDACTED] -- real quick, so --

14 MS. ROSNER: Now -- and you indicated that after
15 the hearing, when you say her pictures started coming
16 down, they started being deleted? Is that --

17 OFFICER [REDACTED] She deleted her whole account.
18 She deleted -- I'm sorry. Her account was there but all
19 her pictures were gone and she was on private mode.

20 MS. ROSNER: When did you find that out?

21 OFFICER [REDACTED] That same day.

22 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did somebody tell you or how
23 did you find that out?

24 OFFICER [REDACTED] My attorney and I were looking
25 at her Instagram.

1 MS. ROSNER: At the court?

2 OFFICER [REDACTED] When we were done with court.

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So it was pretty

4 instantaneous after court?

5 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yes.

6 MS. ROSNER: And when had you seen her -- the

7 pictures last on her Instagram account prior to that day

8 at court?

9 OFFICER [REDACTED] That same morning.

10 MS. ROSNER: That morning?

11 OFFICER [REDACTED] The same morning, the day

12 before, the whole week before.

13 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And then after the court

14 hearing, did you have any other interactions with

15 Lieutenant Mendez with regards to this incident?

16 OFFICER [REDACTED] Not until November 13th when

17 we had court for the criminal part of my case.

18 MS. ROSNER: And what happened on November 13th?

19 OFFICER [REDACTED] On November 13th -- well, let

20 me rewind a little bit for you --

21 MS. ROSNER: Please.

22 OFFICER [REDACTED] -- so you could -- so I could

23 tell you about those pictures there.

24 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

25 OFFICER [REDACTED] Okay. I'm going to look at my

1 notes real quick.

2 MS. ROSNER: Sure.

3 OFFICER [REDACTED] It was on approximately
4 Saturday, October 24th, 2015. Again, her -- her -- she
5 had, like, four or five Instagram accounts. Okay? About
6 three of them -- like a few of them were private and one
7 of them was public. Her public account was for her
8 business account, which is what you have there. She has
9 a business.

10 MS. ROSNER: What does she do?

11 OFFICER [REDACTED] She's a fitness instructor.
12 She does Zumba classes and stuff like that, she sells
13 Herbalife.

14 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

15 OFFICER [REDACTED] That account at the time was
16 public, so myself, I told my attorney, we would look on
17 it. We would, you know, keep eyes on it because she
18 would put stuff about me, about her, about what she's
19 going through, stuff like that. On that day, I noticed
20 that video right there that you have and I saw that car.

21 MS. ROSNER: Well, hold on. Let me back up. So
22 the four accounts that you -- that she had, so the
23 account that you're telling me about that you checked
24 that morning that you were in court for that restraining
25 order, was that the public account?

1 OFFICER [REDACTED] She goes back and forth.

2 MS. ROSNER: I assume at some point you had
3 access to her private account, right?

4 OFFICER [REDACTED] No. No.

5 MS. ROSNER: Never?

6 OFFICER [REDACTED] Never.

7 MS. ROSNER: Well, who can view her private
8 Instagram account?

9 OFFICER [REDACTED] Only friends of hers on
10 Instagram.

11 MS. ROSNER: Were you not -- you weren't friends
12 with her?

13 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

14 MS. ROSNER: Not even when you guys were dating?

15 OFFICER [REDACTED] No, I never had nothing. I
16 didn't have no Instagram, I didn't have Facebook, because
17 she was jealous of me having all that stuff so I got rid
18 of everything.

19 MS. ROSNER: Okay. But you never logged -- you
20 never logged in to see --

21 OFFICER [REDACTED] Nope. Nope.

22 MS. ROSNER: -- what she was posting?

23 OFFICER [REDACTED] Nope. No. No.

24 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

25 OFFICER [REDACTED] And the only way I saw what

1 she was posting is because if you go on Google and you
2 put in her Instagram account, it comes out, which is
3 public.

4 MS. ROSNER: Right.

5 OFFICER [REDACTED] She goes back and forth,
6 public, private, public, private. When she's private,
7 you can't see nothing. When she's public, you can see
8 something. You can see everything.

9 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So the only account, though,
10 that you saw was her public account?

11 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yeah.

12 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

13 OFFICER [REDACTED] Like I told you, she had
14 several accounts, so she would go back and forth with all
15 the accounts. Sometimes public, sometimes private. It
16 just happened to be on that business account she was
17 always public. Why, because it's her business and she
18 needs the business and she uses it --

19 MS. ROSNER: Right.

20 OFFICER [REDACTED] -- as a way of getting people
21 to, you know --

22 MS. ROSNER: Right.

23 OFFICER [REDACTED] -- help her out, whatever.

24 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So -- so then I'm going to
25 hand you some pictures that -- so you saw those pictures

1 on one of her Instagram accounts?

2 OFFICER [REDACTED] Right.

3 MS. ROSNER: Was that the business account?

4 OFFICER [REDACTED] This is the business account,
5 yeah.

6 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And when did you notice
7 these pictures?

8 OFFICER [REDACTED] On or about October 24th,
9 2015. It was a Saturday.

10 MS. ROSNER: And what prompted you to look on
11 her account?

12 OFFICER [REDACTED] Like I said, myself and my
13 attorney were, you know, just seeing what was going on,
14 see if she would put anything about me negatively or
15 about the department.

16 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And -- okay. So what did
17 you see when you looked at her Instagram account on that
18 day?

19 OFFICER [REDACTED] I saw this video. Okay? I
20 saw this car, a red '58 Impala convertible. The video
21 was of her at this festival showing the interior of the
22 car. In the interior of the car was her purse, her
23 belongings. And she would say, "Look at me, I'm
24 rolling." And then during the video, she would -- she
25 cut into a male Hispanic's face. Male Hispanic, [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED]. It wasn't his full face, though. It
3 was just half of his face during the -- and then it cuts
4 and she says, "Pick me up and kiss me," and then she
5 shows the car again and that's it.

6 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

7 OFFICER [REDACTED] Okay.

8 MS. ROSNER: Were you able to identify who the
9 man was just from that video footage?

10 OFFICER [REDACTED] No, not at that time.

11 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

12 OFFICER [REDACTED] And I kept looking at the
13 video wondering, you know, who it was, because I had a --
14 a hunch because Mr. Mendez likes -- he's a classic car
15 collector, he likes old cars, and I've seen him at car
16 shows and motorcycle rides and stuff like that. In the
17 back of my head, I was like, "No, no way. Whatever.
18 It's probably some random guy. Whatever. It's cool."
19 Left it at that. I didn't take -- I didn't take video of
20 the video because I was just, "Okay. Whatever." So I
21 took pictures of the license plate and then there's
22 pictures of her in the car.

23 MS. ROSNER: Is that her in the picture?

24 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yes, that's her in the picture
25 and that's her in this picture, and that's his car right

1 there. So --

2 MS. ROSNER: Okay. That's her leaning against
3 the car?

4 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yes, that's her wearing a
5 red -- well, your pictures were black and white.

6 MS. ROSNER: Right.

7 OFFICER [REDACTED] At the time of the video, she
8 was wearing a red shirt with blue jeans.

9 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Got it. So -- okay. So at
10 the time, you didn't know who the man was --

11 OFFICER [REDACTED] Right.

12 MS. ROSNER: -- whose car it was?

13 OFFICER [REDACTED] Right.

14 MS. ROSNER: And then did you later find out who
15 it was?

16 OFFICER [REDACTED] So eventually I just -- for
17 some odd reason, I just, like, this is just odd, you
18 know? He's handling my investigation, she's here with
19 this car. It just kept, like, ringing in my head, so I
20 called my -- my -- my private investigator, [REDACTED]
21 Actually, I called my attorney and I told her, "Hey, you
22 know what? Have [REDACTED] run this plate." And she goes,
23 "Why?" I told her, "I just have a feeling that it's
24 somebody that I know." So Mr. [REDACTED] ran the plate and
25 it came back to Joaquin Mendez.

1 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And did you ever talk to
2 Mendez about that?

3 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

4 MS. ROSNER: You never had any conversation with
5 him about it?

6 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

7 MS. ROSNER: Did you have any conversation with
8 anyone? Other than your attorney, anyone in the
9 department about the fact that this was his car and you
10 saw that your ex-girlfriend was hanging out with him?

11 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

12 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And I think some have
13 identified the location as the 6th Street Bridge
14 festival.

15 OFFICER [REDACTED] Correct.

16 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Were you there?

17 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

18 MS. ROSNER: Did you know that that's where it
19 was?

20 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yes, because she was putting
21 it on her IG.

22 MS. ROSNER: What was she putting? Like
23 comments?

24 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yeah, comments about the
25 6th -- "I'm at the 6th Street -- 6th Street Bridge

1 festival, bye-bye, bye-bye bridge." It was a big deal,
2 it was all over the news.

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did she ever mention him on
4 her Instagram account, Lieutenant Mendez?

5 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

6 MS. ROSNER: Ever in terms of any of the
7 postings you saw?

8 OFFICER [REDACTED] Not directly, but I can tell
9 you about something else that she posted on her
10 Instagram.

11 MS. ROSNER: Sure.

12 OFFICER [REDACTED] I believe after these -- after
13 this post on -- I'm sure you have the picture, she put,
14 "You live, you learn, you upgrade." Actually it was the
15 next day. It was Sunday the 25th. "You live, you learn,
16 you upgrade." That was another reason why I was, like,
17 okay. She's telling us that she upgraded, and now you're
18 Mendez, so everything was just like -- but then when I
19 confirmed that it was Mendez, it was, like, well, no
20 wonder she put, "You live, you learn, you upgrade."

21 MS. ROSNER: Well, what did you take that to
22 mean?

23 OFFICER [REDACTED] Well, myself and my attorney,
24 we were just like, well, yeah, she upgraded from a
25 detective police officer to a lieutenant.

1 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Now, there's a picture here
2 of -- looks like it's two people by the car there. Can
3 you tell who it is?

4 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yes. Well, not in your
5 picture. Which -- which picture are you looking at, are
6 you talking about?

7 MS. ROSNER: Here.

8 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

9 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

10 OFFICER [REDACTED] No. But there is a picture of
11 this car and a picture of her sitting down right here. I
12 don't know if it's this one because it's in black, but if
13 you were to have color, you can see her -- her picture.

14 MS. ROSNER: Sitting by the car?

15 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yeah.

16 MS. ROSNER: Okay. I'll show you -- well, I'll
17 just show you these. Do you see her or Lieutenant Mendez
18 in this picture?

19 OFFICER [REDACTED] Again, no, but again, she was
20 in here in this area right here. Well, you can see in
21 writing it says right here, "Alleged victim sitting next
22 to Lieutenant Mendez's car at 6th Street Bridge
23 festival."

24 MS. ROSNER: Yeah, but who put that on there?

25 OFFICER [REDACTED] My attorney.

1 MS. ROSNER: Yeah. Okay.

2 OFFICER [REDACTED] And like I said, it's not in
3 color so you can't see it.

4 MS. ROSNER: Oh, okay. So it says that she's
5 sitting next to him, next to his -- oh, next to his car.

6 OFFICER [REDACTED] The arrows, she's in here.

7 MS. ROSNER: Oh, okay. Can you see it better in
8 the color picture?

9 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yes.

10 MS. ROSNER: So from the color picture that --
11 that you had, you were able to identify her in the
12 picture on the car?

13 OFFICER [REDACTED] No, these -- these pictures
14 were founded by my private investigator.

15 MS. ROSNER: Right. But from the -- oh, okay.
16 From the picture that your private investigator showed
17 you, you were able to identify that it was her?

18 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yes, absolutely.

19 MS. ROSNER: And then have you seen this picture
20 before?

21 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yes.

22 MS. ROSNER: And were you able to identify who
23 that -- those people were in the car?

24 OFFICER [REDACTED] Absolutely.

25 MS. ROSNER: Who is that?

1 OFFICER [REDACTED] On the left driving is
2 Lieutenant Mendez. On the right, the passenger seat
3 towards the middle is [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

4 MS. ROSNER: How can you be sure that that's
5 Lieutenant Mendez from the back of his head?

6 OFFICER [REDACTED] Because I recognize him.

7 MS. ROSNER: Just from the back?

8 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yeah.

9 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

10 OFFICER [REDACTED] And it was confirmed that that
11 was his car by the license plates.

12 MS. ROSNER: Well, other than the fact that it
13 was his car, I'm just asking you, would you be able to
14 identify that that was him just from that picture?

15 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yes, absolutely.

16 MS. ROSNER: And what is it -- well, can I ask
17 you, because it just looks like the back of someone's
18 head, what is it about that that is distinct that enables
19 you to identify --

20 OFFICER [REDACTED] That flannel. I've seen him
21 with that flannel on before.

22 MS. ROSNER: Okay. All right. So that was
23 October around 24th, 25th. So did you see these pictures
24 on Instagram or your investigator -- or the investigator
25 showed you?

1 OFFICER [REDACTED] The only pictures I saw on
2 Instagram were the ones you have right here in the first
3 page, these.

4 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So you were able to see
5 those?

6 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yeah.

7 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

8 OFFICER [REDACTED] The other ones were downloaded
9 from a specific program that our -- my private
10 investigator has and anybody else can have. It's nothing
11 special, but, I mean, Instagram, there's thousands of
12 people at this car show, you know, posting pictures on
13 Instagram with a -- a beautiful car. I'm not going to
14 lie to you. He was able to find those pictures.

15 MS. ROSNER: So the pictures that he found, like
16 this one, for example, was that from her Instagram
17 account or was that just --

18 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

19 MS. ROSNER: Oh, so he just found pictures from
20 the event that --

21 OFFICER [REDACTED] From other people posting
22 on -- on Instagram.

23 MS. ROSNER: I see. Okay.

24 OFFICER [REDACTED] That program I was telling you
25 about.

1 MS. ROSNER: So the only one from her actual
2 account is the first one, first page?

3 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yeah.

4 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And these other ones were
5 from just he pulled from the internet?

6 OFFICER [REDACTED] My private investigator,
7 correct.

8 MS. ROSNER: Right. Okay. And then you
9 indicated that you had another interaction with
10 Lieutenant Mendez in November?

11 OFFICER [REDACTED] Correct.

12 MS. ROSNER: And what was that?

13 OFFICER [REDACTED] On November 13th, which is
14 Friday -- which was Friday the 13th, which is why I
15 remember, Lieutenant Mendez and Sergeant Handley arrived
16 at my court. Again, it was actually towards the end in
17 the court, and they went in there and they sat behind
18 myself and my attorney, [REDACTED]

19 MS. ROSNER: And what hearing was this?

20 OFFICER [REDACTED] It was for the criminal part.

21 MS. ROSNER: Okay. It was just a hearing?

22 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yeah.

23 MS. ROSNER: All right. And did you know why
24 they were there?

25 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

1 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Again, were you surprised --

2 OFFICER [REDACTED] Well, actually, he -- at the
3 end when he met us outside, he ordered myself to go to an
4 Internal Affairs investigation interview that same day at
5 1300 hours.

6 MS. ROSNER: This was Lieutenant Mendez?

7 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yeah.

8 MS. ROSNER: Who conducted your interview?

9 OFFICER [REDACTED] Which was --

10 MS. ROSNER: The Internal Affairs interview.

11 OFFICER [REDACTED] Sergeant Iraldo and Sergeant
12 Handley.

13 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Who ordered you to go to the
14 interview, Mendez?

15 OFFICER [REDACTED] On that day?

16 MS. ROSNER: Yes.

17 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yeah, Mendez did.

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay. What other conversations did
19 you have with him?

20 OFFICER [REDACTED] Okay. Well, that day he -- he
21 took -- we were surprised that he -- well, we were
22 surprised that he ordered -- he wanted us to -- he wanted
23 me to be interviewed that day.

24 MS. ROSNER: Why?

25 OFFICER [REDACTED] Because of the proceedings, it

1 wasn't really appropriate at the time, we weren't ready.
2 My attorney John Bakhit wasn't aware that -- that he
3 wanted to interview me that day and he had to be present,
4 and my attorney [REDACTED] [REDACTED] wasn't prepared for that
5 interview either.

6 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

7 OFFICER [REDACTED] That's why we were surprised.
8 So he told me, "Hey, I need you to come down to World Way
9 West and we're going to interview you for your IA." And
10 I was, like, "Talk to my attorney." And she was, like,
11 "No. We're not ready. We can't -- we can't do this
12 today. There's no way we could -- you know, we're not
13 ready at all. John Bakhit doesn't even know about it."

14 Well, he was, like, "I don't know." Well, she
15 was -- my attorney said, "You know what? I'm going to
16 call the Chief. I'm going to talk to him and I'm going
17 to see if we could extend it."

18 MS. ROSNER: Who, your attorney?

19 OFFICER [REDACTED] My attorney.

20 MS. ROSNER: You know what relationship your
21 attorney has with the Chief?

22 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

23 MS. ROSNER: I don't mean anything untoward. I
24 just mean has she worked with the Chief before?

25 OFFICER [REDACTED] I'm sure she has, yeah.

1 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

2 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yeah.

3 MR. [REDACTED] She has -- she has represented the
4 Los Angeles Airport Police Officers Association over the
5 years and has had contact with the Chief in a
6 professional setting.

7 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

8 OFFICER [REDACTED] So she told Mendez straight
9 out, "Hey, you know what, we're not ready. I'm going to
10 talk to the Chief. Let me see what I can do, if we could
11 maybe extend it for the future."

12 Mendez said, "You know what, that's fine. As a
13 matter of fact, I'll -- I'll go try to contact the
14 Chief," because he was out of town that week. It was
15 around Thanksgiving. He was all, "I'll try and contact
16 the Chief and see what he says, and if he wants to, fine,
17 but we got to do our investigation, we have to do our
18 job."

19 [REDACTED] was, like, "Okay. That's fine." It was
20 clearly made that they were going to get in touch with
21 each other telephonically and say, "Hey, this is what we
22 got. This is what we're going to do." Okay. Cool. It
23 was over. We went home.

24 The following week, I believe it was Tuesday,
25 November 17th, Lieutenant Mendez and Sergeant Nettles

1 showed up at my house. I was surprised. Lieutenant
2 Mendez and Sergeant Nettles showed up in a dark-colored
3 Crown Victoria, parked in front of my house.

4 MS. ROSNER: I'm sorry, when was this? Later
5 that day?

6 OFFICER [REDACTED] No, the week.

7 MS. ROSNER: Oh, okay.

8 OFFICER [REDACTED] November 17 -- around
9 November 17th.

10 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

11 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yeah, it was the 17th.

12 MS. ROSNER: So I assume the interview did not
13 proceed on the 13th?

14 OFFICER [REDACTED] Correct.

15 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

16 OFFICER [REDACTED] Did not proceed. They both
17 showed up at my house. Sergeant Nettles was wearing a
18 business suit, gray, with a coat, and Lieutenant Mendez
19 was wearing dark-colored pants, a white shirt with a tie.
20 He was showing his gun off and he was showing his badge
21 off. They approached. They came into -- they came to my
22 house. I had the door open. Knocked. They go, "Hey,
23 [REDACTED] you know, we were in the area and we decided to
24 come check up on you."

25 I was, like, "Okay."

1 He was, like, "Can we come in?"

2 I was, like, "Sure." As soon as he walked in,
3 "Hey, how are you doing? How is everything going? I'm
4 here for you," blah, blah, blah. "By the way, did [REDACTED]
5 talk to the Chief? What's going on with your meeting?"

6 I said, "Wait a minute. You and [REDACTED] had an
7 agreement that you guys were going to talk on the phone
8 and come to an agreement." So I immediately contacted
9 [REDACTED] I said, "You know what, I'm not going to talk to
10 you no more. I'm going to call my attorney. You guys
11 can talk on the phone and handle this."

12 So Sergeant Nettles was there, Mendez and
13 myself. I put [REDACTED] on speaker and she says, "Hey,
14 what's going on?"

15 "Oh, no, we were just in the area and decided to
16 check up on [REDACTED] and want to know what's going on with
17 the meeting." And she's, like, "Well, what do you mean
18 what's going on with the meeting? You know the Chief is
19 out of town. I'm waiting on him. You know, we should
20 get something -- we should come up with something soon."

21 And he's, like, "Oh, no, okay. Well, we just --
22 we just weren't sure what was going on." So she said,
23 "Well, you know what's going on. I'm waiting to hear
24 from the Chief. And why are you guys at my client's
25 house?"

1 He's all, "Oh, no, no, no, it's nothing bad.
2 You know, it's just part of our duties to come check up
3 on our employees and see how you're doing. And, you
4 know, we don't have to give a notice or we don't have to
5 give a call. We can just show up."

6 She goes, "Okay. Well, we're waiting on the
7 Chief."

8 "Okay. Fine." And that was it. Okay. Again,
9 "Stay strong." Whatever. Have a good day. I felt
10 uncomfortable.

11 MS. ROSNER: Why did you feel uncomfortable?

12 OFFICER [REDACTED] Because he just popped out
13 of -- which is fine. I know they have to do their job.
14 He just popped out of nowhere and just wanted to come
15 into my home and ask me a question he already knew about.

16 MS. ROSNER: Is there anything that Sergeant
17 Nettles did that made you feel uncomfortable?

18 OFFICER [REDACTED] No, she didn't do nothing.
19 She was just tagging along, as far as I know. Yeah, it
20 was just, like, you know the answer to the question
21 you're going to ask me. Why do you have to come to my
22 house?

23 MS. ROSNER: Right. Do you know if it's
24 protocol for the department to pay visits to officers who
25 are on admin leave?

1 OFFICER [REDACTED] I can't tell you straight out
2 if it's a policy or if it's, you know, part of your job,
3 but I've heard it is.

4 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

5 OFFICER [REDACTED] So, yeah, I felt
6 uncomfortable. He comes out with his -- you know, my
7 neighbors are like, "What the hell is going on?" And
8 he's over here showing his gun and his badge and he's in
9 my house on my -- you know, in my living room, you know,
10 just asking me a silly question. You know, what kind
11 of -- you know, that's not -- to me, I just felt
12 uncomfortable. You know, I felt uncomfortable and he was
13 just checking up on me, you know. And I feel he was just
14 thinking I was doing something I wasn't supposed to be
15 doing, but no, I was doing what I was doing. I was at
16 home. So, yeah, he left, and that was it.

17 MS. ROSNER: Other than the Instagram pictures
18 that we've seen, is there anything else that was
19 indicative to you that Lieutenant Mendez had a
20 relationship with [REDACTED]

21 OFFICER [REDACTED] I introduced them in April of
22 2015 at a motorcycle ride. It was the Tommy Scott
23 Motorcycle Ride. That's where they first met.

24 MS. ROSNER: Do you -- and I guess I should have
25 asked you. Do you ever hang out with Lieutenant Mendez

1 outside of work?

2 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

3 MS. ROSNER: Are you guys friends?

4 OFFICER [REDACTED] Outside of work?

5 MS. ROSNER: Yes.

6 OFFICER [REDACTED] No. We just -- we had -- I
7 had a motorcycle, a Harley Davidson. You know, a Harley
8 Davidson. When there was big -- when there was big
9 rides, we would see each other at these big rides.

10 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So April 2015 is when you
11 introduced them?

12 OFFICER [REDACTED] Right.

13 MS. ROSNER: And as far as you know, is that the
14 first time that they met?

15 OFFICER [REDACTED] Right.

16 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Was he flirtatious with her
17 or was there anything unusual about --

18 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

19 MS. ROSNER: -- when you introduced them?

20 OFFICER [REDACTED] No. No.

21 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Do you know whether he --
22 other than this event, the 6th Street Bridge festival,
23 any other occasions where he was with her?

24 OFFICER [REDACTED] The -- that I seen on
25 Instagram or something like that?

1 MS. ROSNER: Or that you have any knowledge of.

2 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

4 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

5 MS. ROSNER: So as far as you know, the only
6 incident where they hung out that you have knowledge of
7 is the 6th Street Bridge festival?

8 OFFICER [REDACTED] Correct.

9 MS. ROSNER: Have you heard of any other
10 incidents where they've been hanging out?

11 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

12 MS. ROSNER: Okay. No one has ever told you
13 that they saw them together or he's told them that
14 they're going out or anything like that?

15 OFFICER [REDACTED] No, but she did tell the --
16 her district attorney that's representing her that she
17 was involved in a relationship with him.

18 MS. ROSNER: Who did she tell that to?

19 OFFICER [REDACTED] My district attorney -- or I'm
20 sorry, her district attorney.

21 MS. ROSNER: When you say "her" -- well, the
22 district attorney --

23 OFFICER [REDACTED] Her representative. The girl
24 that was representing her in the criminal part.

25 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Was it her personal attorney

1 or was it the district attorney?

2 OFFICER [REDACTED] It was a district. She
3 doesn't have a personal attorney.

4 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Do you know who that was?

5 OFFICER [REDACTED] I don't know her name. I'm
6 sorry.

7 MS. ROSNER: Is she still on the case?

8 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yes.

9 MS. ROSNER: This is a -- well, the criminal
10 case. Is that still ongoing?

11 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yes.

12 MS. ROSNER: And how do you know that [REDACTED] told
13 the -- or [REDACTED] told the district attorney that?

14 OFFICER [REDACTED] We contact -- my lawyer and I
15 and -- let me know if I should stop.

16 MR. BAKHIT: Okay. Hold on a second. Just can
17 we take a quick --

18 MS. ROSNER: Sure.

19 (There was a pause in the recording.)

20 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Back on record.

21 OFFICER [REDACTED] So when we found out, myself
22 and my lawyer found out that this was going on, it was
23 Joaquin Mendez, we contacted the (Inaudible).

24 MS. ROSNER: Well, go back, because I missed
25 that whole sequence. So -- so -- okay. I was asking you

1 how -- you said the district attorney -- or she told the
2 district attorney that she had a relationship with
3 Mendez.

4 OFFICER [REDACTED] Right.

5 MS. ROSNER: And so my question was how did you
6 find out about that?

7 OFFICER [REDACTED] My attorney was getting -- I
8 think it was discovery evidence, and in an Email the D.A.
9 was telling [REDACTED] what she's completed already and what
10 she has for her. During that check -- checklist, she
11 said, "[REDACTED] [REDACTED] has admitted to me that she has a
12 relationship with Lieutenant Mendez," so it was provided
13 in discovery.

14 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Was there anything in
15 writing that the D.A. provided to [REDACTED] that you know
16 of, that -- like did she provide a written statement?

17 OFFICER [REDACTED] It was an Email with her name
18 on the bottom.

19 MS. ROSNER: Ms. [REDACTED] provided an Email to the
20 district attorney stating that they had a relationship?

21 OFFICER [REDACTED] No, Ms. [REDACTED] provided a
22 statement to the district attorney. The district
23 attorney put it in writing and sent it to my lawyer.

24 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Was that before these
25 pictures were taken, as far as you know?

1 OFFICER [REDACTED] No, it was after. It was
2 right after.

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Was there -- did the
4 district attorney say anything else about the
5 relationship between --

6 OFFICER [REDACTED] No, that was it.

7 MS. ROSNER: -- Mendez and Ms. [REDACTED] That was
8 it?

9 OFFICER [REDACTED] That was it.

10 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did you see that Email?

11 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yes.

12 MS. ROSNER: So the Email was from the district
13 attorney to [REDACTED]

14 OFFICER [REDACTED] Correct.

15 MS. ROSNER: Did the Email have anything that
16 was actually authored by [REDACTED] or was it just the
17 district attorney recapping what [REDACTED] had told her?

18 OFFICER [REDACTED] Correct, recapping what
19 [REDACTED] had told her.

20 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So you didn't see anything
21 from -- written from Ms. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] --

22 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

23 MS. ROSNER: -- regarding the relationship?

24 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

25 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Got it. Any other -- any

1 other information that you have with regards to the
2 relationship between Lieutenant Mendez and Ms. [REDACTED]

3 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yeah.

4 MS. ROSNER: What?

5 OFFICER [REDACTED] Give me a minute to gather my
6 thoughts here. So again, he wanted to conduct this
7 interview with myself for the IA investigation, so my
8 attorney had to go talk to the Chief and let him know
9 what was going on. Okay. She told him what was going
10 on, and within that week he was placed on administrative
11 leave.

12 MS. ROSNER: Right.

13 OFFICER [REDACTED] Of course his duty weapon was
14 taken and his badge and stuff like that was taken because
15 he's under investigation, but I just want to make it
16 clear that I don't know what he's thinking. I don't know
17 what he's capable of. I just want to be clear that
18 some -- you know, I think about him possibly trying to
19 retaliate against me.

20 You know, he has access to weapons. I don't
21 have access to weapons. You know? He knows where I
22 live. You know, for all I know, he could be driving by
23 my house, he could be seeing what I'm up to. You know, I
24 don't know what kind of relationship he's got going with
25 her, and I just don't understand why he would do

1 something like this if he -- he -- he saw what kind of
2 person she is. You know what I mean?

3 We're talking about a lieutenant here that I
4 looked up to, somebody that I worked for for a while,
5 somebody that I had a good relationship with, somebody
6 who would -- I would take a bullet for, somebody who I
7 would put my life on the line for, and somebody who
8 continuously called me and said, "Hey, [REDACTED] how you
9 doing?" You know, in person he told me, "I'm here for
10 you. Whatever you need. Do this, do that. Get yourself
11 a good lawyer. Do whatever you have to do."

12 MS. ROSNER: How often would he call you to
13 check up on you?

14 OFFICER [REDACTED] There was a couple times when
15 I called in to -- because I -- you know, when you're on
16 admin leave you have to call in and out, and he would
17 answer the phone and say, "Hey, [REDACTED] how you doing?
18 You know, how is everything going?" And at that time I
19 already knew the relationship that he had going on with
20 her, so to me it was, like, you know, this guy is acting
21 like he's my friend, that he's there for me. He works
22 for the same department, he's conducting my
23 investigation, you know, something that has to be done
24 fairly, and he's over here telling me, you know, acting
25 like a friend to me, yet he's, you know, with my ex.

1 I wanted to get this on the record, too. I
2 don't care, you know, if he's with my ex. I don't care.
3 It's over. That relationship is done. I never married
4 the girl, I didn't have kids with the girl. An ex, she's
5 my ex. I don't care that he's with her. You know, what
6 bothers me, what affects me is that he betrayed me in my
7 own department. You know, somebody who had to do their
8 job and just do their job and that's it.

9 MS. ROSNER: Do you know what role he has with
10 your administrative investigation?

11 OFFICER [REDACTED] I don't know the exact role,
12 but the role he was showing me was that he was
13 investigating it.

14 MS. ROSNER: Well, in what -- he didn't do the
15 interview with you. He didn't do your interrogation,
16 correct?

17 OFFICER [REDACTED] He didn't do that. He didn't
18 do the interview because he was already on -- he got
19 placed on admin leave.

20 MS. ROSNER: Oh, was your interview after he was
21 already on admin leave?

22 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yeah. If it wasn't for that,
23 he would have done my interview.

24 MS. ROSNER: As a lieutenant -- is that common
25 for the lieutenant to do the admin interview?

1 OFFICER [REDACTED] I don't know. I don't know,
2 but I -- I'm not sure. You could confirm with my lawyer,
3 I think he was going to be present at the interview, you
4 know.

5 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

6 OFFICER [REDACTED] All this is going on, yet he's
7 acting like he's my friend, you know. I don't know what
8 he was feeding her, you know, what they were up to, what
9 they were conspiring to do. It's just -- it's just
10 ridiculous that he took that route.

11 MS. ROSNER: Right. When was your
12 interrogation, do you recall?

13 OFFICER [REDACTED] You could look it up.

14 MS. ROSNER: Was it -- I'm trying to think. So
15 I guess is the -- is the administrative investigation
16 told while the criminal is pending or is it going
17 forward?

18 OFFICER [REDACTED] They move forward. Well,
19 we're assuming they move forward. They conducted the
20 interrogation.

21 MS. ROSNER: Okay. I have the date. I was just
22 wondering if you had any kind of recollection. But it
23 was your recollection that when it was conducted, Mendez
24 was already on leave?

25 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yes. Oh, he was. He was on

1 leave.

2 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

3 MR. BAKHIT: She's got the date. She just
4 wanted to see if you could remember on your own.

5 MS. ROSNER: Yeah.

6 OFFICER [REDACTED] I mean, if you want a current
7 record, I could look it up for you.

8 MS. ROSNER: No, that's okay. I probably have
9 it. I just wanted to know if you had -- I guess would it
10 be around, like, November -- end of November?

11 MR. BAKHIT: It was in January. January 12th.

12 MS. ROSNER: January. Oh, okay. Oh, so he had
13 been on admin leave for a while at that point?

14 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yeah.

15 MS. ROSNER: Oh, okay. Okay. Do you have any
16 information prior to this that Lieutenant Mendez had had
17 relationships with other significant others of the
18 department or witnesses of investigations?

19 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yes. I've heard rumors.

20 MS. ROSNER: What have you heard?

21 OFFICER [REDACTED] Well, when it had got out to
22 the department that he was placed on administrative leave
23 because of his --

24 MS. ROSNER: Whatever he was --

25 OFFICER [REDACTED] -- relationship with my ex, I

1 started getting calls, and people were, like, "I heard --
2 we heard that he was" -- well, first they would tell me,
3 "Hey, you know, we're sorry about what happened and
4 it's -- it's messed up what happened and how could he do
5 that, this guy." And people were telling me he's known
6 to do that. It's not a surprise. He is known to use his
7 scope of his duty -- his scope of duties to get with exes
8 or girlfriends of employees at LAX using his
9 investigations.

10 MS. ROSNER: Do you know who told you that?

11 OFFICER [REDACTED] No, I don't -- I don't.

12 MS. ROSNER: Did they give you examples or were
13 they just talking generally that this is something he
14 does?

15 OFFICER [REDACTED] I've heard -- it's just, you
16 know, just random people just like, something he does,
17 he's known for that. He's dirty and he's known to do
18 that. There was an officer -- I never met him. When I
19 started working at LAX, he was already gone, but it was
20 an Officer [REDACTED] and I kept hearing, "[REDACTED]
21 he did that to [REDACTED] He put -- he got rid of
22 [REDACTED] Don't quote me on what happened exactly,
23 but I'm just telling you what I heard.

24 MS. ROSNER: Right.

25 OFFICER [REDACTED] Okay. It was Officer

1 [REDACTED] he got with his ex and something. At the end
2 of the day, Officer [REDACTED] didn't work for LAX no
3 more. Okay. There was an Officer [REDACTED] that told
4 me -- oh, I'm sorry, he didn't told me, I heard Officer
5 [REDACTED] got into some trouble. He reached out, he had
6 to make -- do an investigation and he had to call his
7 current girlfriend or wife, I don't know who she is, and
8 he tried to, you know, start a relationship with her or
9 something. Again, I don't know exactly. I'm just
10 letting you know what I heard.

11 MS. ROSNER: Sure.

12 OFFICER [REDACTED] And his demeanor, what he's
13 known for.

14 MS. ROSNER: Is Officer [REDACTED] currently with
15 the department?

16 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yes.

17 MS. ROSNER: Is he an officer? Is that his --

18 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yes.

19 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Was there -- at that time
20 was [REDACTED] under investigation?

21 OFFICER [REDACTED] When he was going through that
22 when it happened to him?

23 MS. ROSNER: Right.

24 OFFICER [REDACTED] I don't know his exact story.
25 I just know that he tried to hook up with his current

1 wife or his wife. I'm sorry, current wife or girlfriend,
2 I'm not sure what she is.

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay. That's it. And do you have
4 any other information with regards to, I guess, any
5 potential relationship between Mendez, whether it's
6 ongoing or anything like that?

7 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

8 MS. ROSNER: Was she friends with anyone in the
9 department?

10 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

11 MS. ROSNER: Nothing.

12 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

13 MS. ROSNER: Did you socialize with her and any
14 other -- when you were with her, any other officers in
15 the department?

16 OFFICER [REDACTED] What do you mean?

17 MS. ROSNER: Did you -- well, when you were with
18 her, would you go out with her and any other officers in
19 the department?

20 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yes.

21 MS. ROSNER: Who? Which officers?

22 OFFICER [REDACTED] There was a lot of events.

23 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

24 OFFICER [REDACTED] There was a lot of events. I
25 had parties at my house for, you know, holidays and

1 motorcycle rides and Super Bowls and parties, and there
2 was always officers there.

3 MS. ROSNER: Did you ever invite Lieutenant
4 Mendez?

5 OFFICER [REDACTED] No.

6 MS. ROSNER: Okay. I think that's it, unless
7 there's anything else you think you want to tell me.

8 OFFICER [REDACTED] Just give me a minute to go
9 over my notes real quick.

10 MS. ROSNER: Sure. Let me also ask you, the
11 Instagram photographs on her page --

12 OFFICER [REDACTED] Right.

13 MS. ROSNER: -- were these taken down?

14 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yes, they were all taken down
15 except for the "You live, you learn, you upgrade."

16 MS. ROSNER: And do you know when these were
17 taken -- because this was public, right, what you were
18 able to see?

19 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yeah. As a matter of fact,
20 they were taken down around the time Lieutenant Mendez
21 was placed on administrative leave.

22 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And you know that because
23 you were checking?

24 OFFICER [REDACTED] Yeah.

25 All right. So looks good to me.

1 MS. ROSNER: We're good? Okay. We're going to
2 go off record.
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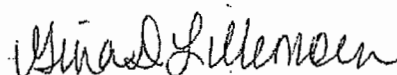
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MS. ROSNER: All right. We are on record.

Today is February 22nd, and it -- thank you. It's 10:30 a.m. exactly. My name is Jennifer Rosner. This is a digitally recorded for IA Case 15-099. And if you could spell your name, state your name and spell it for the record.

MR. [REDACTED] My name is [REDACTED] first name [REDACTED], last name [REDACTED].

MS. ROSNER: Okay. And the nature of this interview is there's been an allegation of misconduct against a Airport Police officer. So can you give me -- what's your employment?

MR. [REDACTED] I'm the president and managing director of [REDACTED], which is a professional investigation agency.

MS. ROSNER: Okay. And were you hired by Officer [REDACTED] to conduct an investigation?

MR. [REDACTED] My agency is generally retained by Officer [REDACTED] and the Law Office of [REDACTED] who is his attorney of record.

MS. ROSNER: To do what?

1 MR. [REDACTED] Provide investigative and
2 consulting assistance on the pending criminal matter
3 against Officer [REDACTED]

4 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And when were you retained?

5 MR. [REDACTED] The date?

6 MS. ROSNER: Approximately. It doesn't have to
7 be exact.

8 MR. [REDACTED] I can tell you if you bear with me
9 for just a second.

10 MS. ROSNER: Well, the incident happened
11 September 20th, 2015.

12 MR. [REDACTED] Right. It was very shortly after
13 that.

14 MS. ROSNER: Okay. That's fine. I don't -- I
15 don't need an exact.

16 MR. [REDACTED] We can -- we can say a few weeks
17 after the incident occurred.

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And as part of your
19 investigation -- well, what was the scope of your
20 services?

21 MR. [REDACTED] It's -- a lot of that work is going
22 to be protected as attorney work product.

23 MS. ROSNER: Sure.

24 MR. [REDACTED] And it's confidential under 7539 B
25 and P, so I can't at this phase until that -- the

1 criminal matter has been adjudicated, I can't
2 specifically discuss the --

3 MS. ROSNER: Well, in general, like, you can
4 tell me, I don't know, monitoring the victim's social
5 media pages or contacting witnesses. You don't have to
6 get into specifics, but --

7 MR. [REDACTED] Typically in a criminal defense
8 matter, because we -- we typically only take criminal
9 defense matters when the suspect is a peace officer. We
10 usually don't take outside criminal defense cases. With
11 criminal defense cases, there are any number of things
12 that -- are you rolling?

13 MS. ROSNER: I just want to make sure. I'm
14 not -- I just want to make sure the recording device is
15 on.

16 MR. [REDACTED] Is going on?

17 MS. ROSNER: Yeah. Yeah.

18 MR. [REDACTED] Do an hour interview and start
19 over.

20 MS. ROSNER: Yeah, right.

21 MR. [REDACTED] You know, there's any number of
22 things that we do. Social media investigations is
23 certainly one of the avenues that we explore. You know,
24 we'll review any evidence that has been collected by law
25 enforcement or that's been submitted by the district

1 attorney's office, interviewing witnesses, reviewing the
2 background of witnesses. It's multifaceted.

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And as part of your
4 services, did you ever do surveillance on Lieutenant
5 Mendez?

6 MR. [REDACTED] I -- I -- I'm not comfortable
7 answering that question.

8 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did you -- well, you brought
9 it to Ms. [REDACTED] attention, some, I guess, photographs
10 that you had found on Ms. [REDACTED] social media Instagram
11 pages?

12 MR. [REDACTED] So I was contacted by Officer
13 [REDACTED] and I don't recall the approximate date. It
14 would have been -- is that -- do you have documents that
15 I generated in that stack there?

16 MS. ROSNER: Yeah, I'm going show you some
17 pictures and --

18 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. Well, we can get to that in
19 a second.

20 MS. ROSNER: -- this may be what you generated.
21 I'm not sure.

22 MR. [REDACTED] I think this is Officer [REDACTED]
23 generated. The --

24 MS. ROSNER: I know I --

25 MR. [REDACTED] These I generated.

1 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

2 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. So Officer [REDACTED] contacted
3 me, and these should have a date on them somewhere.
4 Okay. So this image we generated October 30th. So
5 Officer [REDACTED] contacted me, I would say, within a day
6 or two prior to October 30th. And I believe this top
7 sheet here that has the ink 361 at the top is the
8 document or the image he sent me. I believe he sent it
9 to me as a screen shot, it says jpg. And he had related
10 that there were images posted in a video which depicted
11 Ms. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with Lieutenant Mendez at some type of an
12 event. When I had gone to review to see if the images
13 and video were still posted or still up, I wasn't able to
14 locate them.

15 MS. ROSNER: Oh, so you were never able to view
16 that video?

17 MR. [REDACTED] Correct.

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

19 MR. [REDACTED] Well --

20 MS. ROSNER: Well, when he sent it to you, it
21 was still posted, right?

22 MR. [REDACTED] No. So he had sent it at least two
23 days after it had occurred, and I don't know -- I don't
24 specifically recall if he had seen it posted at the
25 time -- sorry -- if he had seen it posted at the time or

1 if -- I'm not sure why -- why the time lag occurred, but
2 the first notice I had was this image combined with
3 conversation, I think it was by telephone, that he had
4 observed this. And then when I had went to go see if it
5 was present, I -- it was no longer posted.

6 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And I know when I talked to
7 Ms. [REDACTED] -- I can't remember, I think she said she may
8 have seen the video, she couldn't really recall, so I'm
9 trying to get an understanding, because I obviously can't
10 view it.

11 MR. [REDACTED] Right.

12 MS. ROSNER: So I'm trying to figure out what
13 was on there.

14 MR. [REDACTED] I --

15 MS. ROSNER: Do you -- did he tell you what he
16 saw on the video, Officer [REDACTED]

17 MR. [REDACTED] So I seem to recall seeing the
18 video. I can't --

19 MS. ROSNER: That's what [REDACTED] said.

20 MR. [REDACTED] Yeah, I can't recall the venue on
21 which I saw it, though, because it wasn't -- I didn't
22 view it on Ms. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Instagram account.

23 MS. ROSNER: Do you -- well, to the best of your
24 recollection, what do you recall viewing?

25 MR. [REDACTED] So it was Lieutenant Mendez's

1 vehicle and -- maybe I didn't see it. Maybe he just
2 described it to me.

3 MS. ROSNER: What did he describe to you?

4 MR. [REDACTED] To the best of my recollection, it
5 was a -- it was a video that depicted Lieutenant Mendez's
6 vehicle. It panned around the vehicle. As it panned on
7 the front right seat, the passenger seat, you could see a
8 purse, which Officer [REDACTED] identified as belonging to
9 Ms. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] In the background, you could hear her
10 voice.

11 MS. ROSNER: Did she say anything in the video?

12 MR. [REDACTED] I don't specifically (Inaudible)
13 what she said or -- so maybe I -- so let me take that
14 back. I don't think I saw the video. I believe Officer
15 [REDACTED] described the contents of the video.

16 MS. ROSNER: Did he indicate whether she said
17 anything or he said anything that was suggestive of a
18 relationship or was it just more that the purse was on
19 the --

20 MR. [REDACTED] He -- he -- he did, but I don't
21 specifically recall what the verbiage was.

22 MS. ROSNER: Did you write it down?

23 MR. [REDACTED] Let me check in my notes.

24 MS. ROSNER: Excuse me.

25 MR. [REDACTED] No, I don't think I did.

1 MS. ROSNER: No?

2 MR. [REDACTED] I have other case notes, but
3 nothing pertaining specifically to what she said during
4 the video.

5 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So then after he showed you,
6 I guess, the first two pages --

7 MR. [REDACTED] No, just the first page.

8 MS. ROSNER: Just the first page?

9 MR. [REDACTED] Yeah.

10 MS. ROSNER: Were you able to retrieve
11 additional photographs?

12 MR. [REDACTED] So the -- what we did, part of what
13 my firm does or what I do personally, one of my
14 specialties is I do social media investigations,
15 intelligence gathering. I do court -- I'm a court
16 testified expert witness in that field and I do
17 consulting, all sorts of cool stuff, which we can talk
18 about another time. I do classes and we can go on and on
19 about it all day.

20 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

21 MR. [REDACTED] So essentially what I did was
22 this -- this was a fairly large public event, so what we
23 did internally was we basically drew a box around the
24 event and said between this date and time, this date and
25 time, and within that box, we can populate, and anything

1 that's publicly posted on virtually any social media
2 platform that you can think of that has any type of
3 geotagging is going to populate in there and we can go
4 through and review each one.

5 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

6 MR. [REDACTED] Which is really cool and it's also
7 really scary at the same time.

8 MS. ROSNER: Yeah. Were you able -- in doing
9 some of that technology, forensic, whatever it's called,
10 were you able -- like the video, is that something you
11 can retrieve?

12 MR. [REDACTED] No. So she -- Ms. [REDACTED]
13 tends to -- at varying times, she's made -- I believe --
14 is this an Instagram account? See, this is her Instagram
15 account that's associated with her business, with a
16 fitness business.

17 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

18 MR. [REDACTED] So my opinion is that she likely
19 meant to post this on her personal Instagram account,
20 which is private, inadvertently posted to this one,
21 realized it and then deleted it.

22 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

23 MR. [REDACTED] It's probably on her personal
24 Instagram account if not still on her phone, but once --
25 typically once something is deleted off of a platform,

1 it's going to be gone permanently. It's typically not
2 retrievable.

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And so then you pulled those
4 pictures just from kind of searching?

5 MR. [REDACTED] Right. So we -- we went through
6 something like 10, 12,000 posts.

7 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

8 MR. [REDACTED] Which, yeah, that's -- that's the
9 correct gesture.

10 MS. ROSNER: And just of the 6th Street Bridge
11 festival?

12 MR. [REDACTED] Correct.

13 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

14 MR. [REDACTED] So --

15 MS. ROSNER: And what did you discover?

16 MR. [REDACTED] So after reviewing all those posts,
17 we were able to narrow it down. You know, Lieutenant
18 Mendez has a very specific vehicle. It's very -- it's --
19 it's -- it's a nice car. It's pretty, but it's very
20 unique and it's easy to pick out of a crowd.

21 MS. ROSNER: Yeah.

22 MR. [REDACTED] So we started kind of zeroing in on
23 posts involving his vehicle, and this first one, and I'm
24 not sure, I think it lost a little bit in the black and
25 white printing --

1 MS. ROSNER: Yeah, that's what -- I interviewed
2 Officer [REDACTED] and he said the color ones were easier to
3 identify, so if you can go through based on your
4 recollection of the color ones --

5 MR. [REDACTED] I actually have the color ones --

6 MS. ROSNER: Oh, okay.

7 MR. [REDACTED] -- available. Do you have the
8 color version?

9 MS. ROSNER: I do not.

10 MR. [REDACTED] Would you like me to Email you the
11 color version?

12 MS. ROSNER: That would be great, yes.

13 MR. [REDACTED] I would be happy to do that.

14 Maybe.

15 MS. ROSNER: Because it is difficult to --

16 MR. [REDACTED] Yeah, it's a pain. Yeah, no, the
17 color ones are much --

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

19 MR. [REDACTED] They're much more clear.

20 MS. ROSNER: Yeah, because he pointed some stuff
21 out that was hard to really see in black and white and he
22 said it was easier in the color.

23 MR. [REDACTED] I do have it on here.

24 MS. ROSNER: You can send it later.

25 MR. [REDACTED] Okay.

1 MS. ROSNER: That's not a big deal, but if you
2 can maybe go through just based on your recollection or
3 what you can see.

4 MR. [REDACTED] I just -- this particular image is
5 kind of important. I just want to make sure it's the
6 right one --

7 MS. ROSNER: Oh, okay.

8 MR. [REDACTED] -- that I'm referencing.

9 MS. ROSNER: Sure.

10 MR. [REDACTED] It will take me --

11 MS. ROSNER: No problem.

12 MR. [REDACTED] -- 20 seconds. 155. That's 155.
13 Yeah, okay.

14 MS. ROSNER: By the way, have you ever spoken to
15 Lieutenant Mendez?

16 MR. [REDACTED] No, I've never spoken with
17 Lieutenant Mendez. That, I can tell you.

18 MS. ROSNER: Yeah.

19 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. So I'll Email this to you
20 also.

21 MS. ROSNER: Great.

22 MR. [REDACTED] This whole thing comes as a packet.

23 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

24 MR. [REDACTED] And you can see in that image
25 that's Lieutenant Mendez.

1 MS. ROSNER: So I've never met him.

2 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. Well, I mean, this is his
3 vehicle.

4 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

5 MR. [REDACTED] And when you just a little bit,
6 this is Ms. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

7 MS. ROSNER: Oh, okay.

8 MR. [REDACTED] In the -- in the bottom right-hand
9 corner. And see here, it's -- there's not --

10 MS. ROSNER: You can't really see her.

11 MR. [REDACTED] -- you can't tell there, but that's
12 her.

13 MS. ROSNER: So she's like kind of in a tent
14 next to the car?

15 MR. [REDACTED] Correct.

16 MS. ROSNER: Is he in this picture?

17 MR. [REDACTED] I don't believe so.

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So you can't tell if she's
19 just hanging out next to the car --

20 MR. [REDACTED] Right.

21 MS. ROSNER: -- or with him necessarily?

22 MR. [REDACTED] Right.

23 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Okay.

24 MR. [REDACTED] And I'll make sure you get these.
25 I'll Email them.

1 MS. ROSNER: Yeah, I'd appreciate it.

2 MR. [REDACTED] Yeah. So this was the first image
3 that --

4 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

5 MR. [REDACTED] -- that we found.

6 MS. ROSNER: Just keep it in order, yeah.

7 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. And I think --

8 MS. ROSNER: Did you -- the writing on the
9 bottom --

10 MR. [REDACTED] I didn't put that on there.

11 MS. ROSNER: Okay. I think [REDACTED] maybe did
12 that.

13 MR. [REDACTED] I think [REDACTED] did these, yeah.
14 We -- when we generate --

15 MS. ROSNER: Because these are the pictures that
16 she provided to the department.

17 MR. [REDACTED] Right. When we generate posts or
18 images, it comes out like this. It's forensic and
19 there's metadata because I -- when we do it, we kind of
20 anticipate at some point it's going --

21 MS. ROSNER: It's going to be an exhibit, yeah.

22 MR. [REDACTED] -- yeah, it's going to have to be
23 authenticated.

24 MS. ROSNER: Right.

25 MR. [REDACTED] So I didn't do this.

1 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

2 MR. [REDACTED] I think this is actually just a
3 larger image of -- no, the angle is off. Okay. So,
4 yeah, so this is image two.

5 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

6 MR. [REDACTED] Or item two in what we exported.

7 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

8 MR. [REDACTED] It was this one.

9 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

10 MR. [REDACTED] And it -- I think it's just, you
11 can still see her in the corner there.

12 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Got it. So still no him,
13 just her?

14 MR. [REDACTED] Correct.

15 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

16 MR. [REDACTED] That's one, two. Sorry.

17 MS. ROSNER: No, that's okay.

18 MR. [REDACTED] I'm sure you're tethered to your
19 Email also. Okay. And I -- this is just an image of his
20 vehicle, I believe, and there's --

21 MS. ROSNER: Right.

22 MR. [REDACTED] I don't think there's anyone
23 present in there.

24 MS. ROSNER: Yeah, I don't think so either.

25 MR. [REDACTED] That may be her. I don't

1 specifically know. I can't tell on that image.

2 MS. ROSNER: His car is here?

3 MR. [REDACTED] This is his vehicle.

4 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

5 MR. [REDACTED] And that -- that's the tent that's
6 visible in the other photo.

7 MS. ROSNER: Got it. Okay. So is he in any of
8 these pictures with her?

9 MR. [REDACTED] This one.

10 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Oh, this is the one -- okay.
11 So maybe the color one is a little better. To me it
12 looks like the back of two people that could be anybody.

13 MR. [REDACTED] The color one is considerably
14 better.

15 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

16 MR. [REDACTED] So I specifically asked Officer
17 [REDACTED] You know, I know -- I know what she looks like,
18 but I don't know necessarily that I know what she looks
19 like --

20 MS. ROSNER: From behind.

21 MR. [REDACTED] -- well enough to be able to
22 identify her in that photo.

23 MS. ROSNER: Right.

24 MR. [REDACTED] I showed him that image and he
25 specifically identified Lieutenant Mendez and --

1 MS. ROSNER: Just from the back of his head?

2 MR. [REDACTED] -- Ms. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] yes. That was
3 his identification.

4 MS. ROSNER: Right.

5 MR. [REDACTED] And this is also -- this is on my
6 phone, so on a larger -- on a larger screen, the image
7 quality is pretty good.

8 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So you didn't make the -- I
9 mean, from -- based on your knowledge, you can't say who
10 these people are?

11 MR. [REDACTED] I can't say, because I don't know
12 them well enough.

13 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Because, yeah, I showed this
14 to Officer [REDACTED] and he said that he identified them.

15 MR. [REDACTED] He did.

16 MS. ROSNER: But based on -- so you were just
17 relying on his identification?

18 MR. [REDACTED] I'm relying on his identification.

19 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

20 MR. [REDACTED] Like I said, I know what Ms. [REDACTED]
21 [REDACTED] looks like based on other photos. I know -- I
22 think I've seen one other photo of Lieutenant Mendez, so
23 based on that, I can't personally make an identification
24 just because I don't know them well enough to do that.

25 MS. ROSNER: Right. So -- okay. So then -- so

1 there was basically he -- he described to you a video
2 where her purse was on his seat and then she's in a tent
3 kind of next to the car and then this picture of the two
4 of them, this back shot that he identifies that the two
5 of them are in. Other than that, is there anything, any
6 information you have suggestive of a relationship between
7 them?

8 MR. [REDACTED] That's all that I'm aware of.

9 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

10 MR. [REDACTED] That information paramountly came
11 out from these images and what we found after these had
12 been removed.

13 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Have you ever talked to
14 Ms. [REDACTED]

15 MR. [REDACTED] No, I don't believe we have.

16 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Are you -- is it anticipated
17 that you're going to be testifying at the criminal trial?

18 MR. [REDACTED] At this point, I don't believe so.
19 Most of what we've done involve other parties that
20 would -- anything that I would testify to would probably
21 be hearsay, and it's not, but we would just get the
22 actual witnesses up there.

23 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

24 MR. [REDACTED] Unless -- unless this for whatever
25 reason becomes an issue, I would testify to authenticate

1 these images.

2 MS. ROSNER: Right.

3 MR. [REDACTED] Beyond that, I don't think so.

4 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Any other -- other than
5 these images, have you found any other images on social
6 media suggestive of a relationship between the two of
7 them?

8 MR. [REDACTED] I don't believe we have, but let me
9 double check --

10 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

11 MR. [REDACTED] -- real quick and I will confirm
12 that for you.

13 MS. ROSNER: Great. Just want to cover my
14 bases.

15 MR. [REDACTED] I do, too. I don't like leaving
16 stuff out. That's also the benefit of being paperless --
17 or most -- well, mostly paperless, as paperless as you
18 can be.

19 MS. ROSNER: Right. Did you also attend any of
20 the criminal hearings?

21 MR. [REDACTED] I attended, yeah, on -- I didn't
22 stay for the whole thing. I -- I actually had some other
23 business at Torrance PD and I was there on -- [REDACTED]
24 December 9th.

25 MS. ROSNER: And why did you go?

1 MR. [REDACTED] I was actually -- like I said, I
2 was there for -- I had some other business at Torrance
3 PD, which is right next door to the courthouse, and I had
4 to talk to [REDACTED] about an unrelated case --

5 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

6 MR. [REDACTED] -- so I stopped in. I was probably
7 there for 15 minutes.

8 MS. ROSNER: Did you observe any of -- any
9 hearing involving Officer [REDACTED]

10 MR. [REDACTED] The -- they called the case. There
11 was a question as to whether or not the DVRO hear -- the
12 DVRO hearing could be trailed in light of the pending
13 administrative and criminal issue. They were going to
14 come back for arguments later that morning, but I didn't
15 stay for that.

16 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

17 MR. [REDACTED] And then --

18 MS. ROSNER: Was Lieutenant Mendez there?

19 MR. [REDACTED] I don't believe Lieutenant Mendez
20 was there. I didn't see him there.

21 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

22 MR. [REDACTED] I went to Torrance PD and dealt
23 with that issue. I came back. I'd say it was probably
24 about 10:00, 10:30. Don't quote me on the time. It's
25 approximate. And I did observe Officer [REDACTED]

1 Ms. [REDACTED] like I say, in the courthouse, and I walked
2 with them to their vehicles. Ms. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] actually
3 walked by while we were in the parking lot and was
4 probably around 10 feet away, probably from here to that
5 wall, and walked by and looked at Officer [REDACTED] and
6 then kept walking. She didn't really display any concern
7 or fear or upset over that, but that was the only thing I
8 observed on that particular day.

9 MS. ROSNER: Have you ever seen Lieutenant
10 Mendez in person?

11 MR. [REDACTED] I don't believe I have.

12 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And getting back to my
13 earlier question --

14 MR. [REDACTED] Sure.

15 MS. ROSNER: -- was there any other --

16 MR. [REDACTED] Yeah, these are the only posts that
17 I'm aware of that we have.

18 MS. ROSNER: That -- that's suggestive of some
19 sort of relationship?

20 MR. [REDACTED] Correct, that indicate a nexus
21 between Ms. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and Lieutenant Mendez.

22 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And I assume you weren't at
23 the 6th Street Bridge festival?

24 MR. [REDACTED] I was not. I -- I totally would
25 have had a guy there if I would have known ahead of time,

1 but, no, we --

2 MS. ROSNER: Yeah, that would have been helpful
3 for my investigation.

4 MR. [REDACTED] That would have been super awesome.

5 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

6 MR. [REDACTED] We would have walked up and talked
7 to him.

8 MS. ROSNER: Did -- yeah. Did anyone ever tell
9 you that they attended together?

10 MR. [REDACTED] That particular occasion?

11 MS. ROSNER: Yes.

12 MR. [REDACTED] I think that only came from -- that
13 came from Officer [REDACTED] in conjunction with --

14 MS. ROSNER: The photos?

15 MR. [REDACTED] -- with the photos that he
16 provided.

17 MS. ROSNER: Okay. All right. I don't really
18 have anything else, unless you have anything, other
19 information that would be suggestive based on your
20 investigation of any type of relationship between
21 Ms. [REDACTED] and Lieutenant Mendez.

22 MR. [REDACTED] Yeah. That's the only thing I'm
23 aware of. I'm trying to toe the line.

24 MS. ROSNER: No, I understand. I understand.

25 MR. [REDACTED] Yeah, no, as far as I'm aware with

1 what we have, and I just looked through the case file,
2 this is what we have that -- that indicates a nexus
3 between the two.

4 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So you haven't talked --
5 other than Officer [REDACTED] observations, have you
6 spoken to any witness that had personal knowledge that
7 they had a relationship?

8 MR. [REDACTED] I'm trying to think how to answer
9 that. We've contacted witnesses incident to this case.
10 There may be one or two -- one. There may be one that
11 could have information relating to this.

12 MS. ROSNER: Is it an officer of the department?

13 MR. [REDACTED] Yes.

14 MS. ROSNER: I guess you don't -- you're trying
15 not to be specific. What kind -- in terms of
16 information, and again, I mean, you can just generalize.

17 MR. [REDACTED] Sure.

18 MS. ROSNER: Because they saw them together at a
19 party? Because they spoke to him? Because they spoke to
20 her?

21 MR. [REDACTED] To the best of my recollection, I
22 had a very brief conversation with this witness and we
23 actually have a pending followup, they -- they indicated,
24 and I'm going to quote the best I can, that Lieutenant
25 Mendez had priors for this type of activity.

1 MS. ROSNER: Oh, okay. I have heard that.

2 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. And as far as specifically
3 in this instance, I'm not sure if they've seen or heard
4 anything specifically. I would be happy to connect with
5 that witness and gage their willingness to talk to you.

6 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Yeah, if you could do that,
7 I may have talked to them.

8 MR. [REDACTED] Oh, yeah, you may have.

9 MS. ROSNER: So if you can -- yeah, so if you
10 can do that, actually, if it's anyone I haven't spoken
11 to --

12 MR. [REDACTED] Sure. I'd be happy to.

13 MS. ROSNER: I have spoken to several people and
14 I have heard that, so it could be someone I've already
15 interviewed.

16 MR. [REDACTED] Right.

17 MS. ROSNER: So it could be moot.

18 MR. [REDACTED] Right.

19 MS. ROSNER: So, yeah, that would be -- that
20 would be really helpful.

21 MR. [REDACTED] I just, I have to make sure I don't
22 do anything to get in trouble.

23 MS. ROSNER: Yeah, no, of course. No,
24 definitely. That's why just general --

25 MR. [REDACTED] Sure. Absolutely.

1 MS. ROSNER: -- I just wanted to know. So they
2 didn't have any personal knowledge of a relationship?

3 MR. [REDACTED] I don't recall anything specific,
4 but I don't think we really got that detailed into it.
5 The focus of the conversation we had was pertaining to
6 something else.

7 MS. ROSNER: Oh, okay. Not this case?

8 MR. [REDACTED] Right. Right. It had to do with
9 the pending criminal action versus --

10 MS. ROSNER: Oh, okay.

11 MR. [REDACTED] -- versus specifically Lieutenant
12 Mendez.

13 MS. ROSNER: Got it.

14 MR. [REDACTED] But that kind of came up in a
15 roundabout way. So like I said, I'm happy to talk to
16 him, and I actually have a followup that we're going to
17 do today or tomorrow.

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And have you worked with
19 [REDACTED] before?

20 MR. [REDACTED] Mm-hmm.

21 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

22 MR. [REDACTED] Many occasions.

23 MS. ROSNER: On other -- on the cases that
24 you -- just for background -- that you tend to work with
25 her on, are they similar, I guess, criminal cases against

1 an officer or does it vary?

2 MR. [REDACTED] I've known [REDACTED] for about ten
3 years. I knew [REDACTED] when she was a [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED] and I worked with her there. Not the
5 [REDACTED], but when I worked in an agency up there,
6 and then I've worked with her on a few LDF cases.

7 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

8 MR. [REDACTED] Police officer cases.

9 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

10 MR. [REDACTED] Since she's came in the private
11 sector and I have.

12 MS. ROSNER: Right. Okay. So the type of cases
13 you generally work with her on are what?

14 MR. [REDACTED] They're all peace officer cases to
15 one degree or another. They're either administrative,
16 criminal or civil.

17 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

18 MR. [REDACTED] I think all the ones that we've
19 worked on at this point are either criminal or
20 administrative.

21 MS. ROSNER: And you guys specialize in kind of
22 surveillance gathering?

23 MR. [REDACTED] My firm is -- I'd say we specialize
24 in litigation support. We have a lot of -- I'm going to
25 call them prominent family law firms and attorneys down

1 here in L.A. County and Ventura County, some corporate
2 clients that we do threat assessments and internal type
3 investigations for. I mean, really kind of a little bit
4 of everything.

5 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

6 MR. [REDACTED] So if you ever need anything, let
7 me know.

8 MS. ROSNER: I will.

9 MR. [REDACTED] And my specific specialty is, like
10 I said, I do the social media stuff and I do expert
11 witness testimony and consulting and --

12 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did she have any, like,
13 Facebook accounts that you saw?

14 MR. [REDACTED] I don't believe she has any
15 Facebook accounts, and if she did, they're all gone now.
16 They've all been disabled or deleted.

17 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

18 MR. [REDACTED] She's primarily an Instagram user.

19 MS. ROSNER: What about Lieutenant Mendez? Did
20 he have any social media accounts?

21 MR. [REDACTED] I don't believe he has any that I'm
22 aware of, and if he did, they've been deleted or
23 deactivated.

24 MS. ROSNER: Okay. All right.

25 MR. [REDACTED] Yeah, he's -- he's -- he's a little

1 sharper with that stuff. A little sharper than she is,
2 apparently.

3 MS. ROSNER: When you saw her at the hearing,
4 what did she look like?

5 MR. [REDACTED] In terms of demeanor?

6 MS. ROSNER: Both.

7 MR. [REDACTED] I mean, she -- she was dressed
8 well. She didn't appear specifically -- I didn't observe
9 anything that denoted any type of fear or emotional
10 distress. She wasn't crying. She was just -- when
11 she -- like I said, I -- my -- when I observed the
12 proceedings, it was just initially the first 10,
13 15 minutes. They had a real brief discussion about
14 whether or not it would be appropriate to trail the DVRO
15 hearing. She spoke well. She didn't -- I mean, she
16 didn't have a legal argument, per se, but she was
17 well-spoken. Her voice wasn't trembling, she didn't
18 appear to be nervous or scared. She just was going
19 through the motions, for lack of a better term.

20 MS. ROSNER: Have you -- I assume not, because
21 this probably would have been -- come up, but I assume
22 you haven't uncovered any Emails or text messages or
23 phone calls between her and Lieutenant Mendez?

24 MR. [REDACTED] No, nothing that I'm aware of.

25 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

1 MR. [REDACTED] I'm sure you're aware that there's
2 a concurrent investigation with the district attorney's
3 office?

4 MS. ROSNER: Yeah. Well, [REDACTED] told me that she
5 reported it, but they are not pursuing it.

6 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. Well, they keep calling me,
7 so --

8 MS. ROSNER: Oh, really?

9 MR. [REDACTED] They -- they may or may not be.

10 MS. ROSNER: On this issue?

11 MR. [REDACTED] On this issue.

12 MS. ROSNER: About specifically what [REDACTED]
13 represented was kind of witness tampering, destruction of
14 evidence?

15 MR. [REDACTED] It was -- yeah, in that vain, and
16 it was specifically pertaining to what the images that --
17 and the posts that we uncovered and provided.

18 MS. ROSNER: Right.

19 MR. [REDACTED] But they haven't called for a
20 formal interview, so they may very well have filed it
21 away and said, you know, thanks but no thanks, we're not
22 going to do anything with it.

23 MS. ROSNER: Right.

24 MR. [REDACTED] But they called my office last
25 Wednesday or Thursday wanting some stuff from the

1 documents. I thought we sent them everything.

2 MS. ROSNER: Did you send them -- other than
3 these pictures, was there anything else you provided?

4 MR. [REDACTED] It was just this packet of info.

5 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

6 MR. [REDACTED] And like I said, before I leave,
7 I'll get that stuff Emailed to you.

8 MS. ROSNER: That would be great.

9 Okay. Did you -- I guess the stuff that was
10 deleted, did you -- were you able to send -- had you
11 captured that before it was deleted?

12 MR. [REDACTED] These images on this copy here?

13 MS. ROSNER: No, I think the ones [REDACTED] told me
14 about that were deleted that she was troubled by was -- I
15 think it was before this. It was just apparently she was
16 posting about the case a lot and they were at a hearing
17 and then at the end of the hearing it was deleted, and
18 that was the concern.

19 MR. [REDACTED] I'll have to go back and look
20 because she had -- I think when we initiated this case
21 she had three accounts.

22 MS. ROSNER: Right.

23 MR. [REDACTED] One was private, two were public.
24 This one is still public, and then her personal account
25 was public and then private and then went from, like,

1 300 images to zero, which, I mean, exfoliation, but come
2 on.

3 MS. ROSNER: Right.

4 MR. [REDACTED] I'll have to go back and look. I
5 know that we preserved this one in full. I think we
6 preserved the personal account in full, but I'd have to
7 go back and double check.

8 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Well, stuff -- I think the
9 stuff that [REDACTED] told me about was -- it had -- it had
10 nothing to do with Mendez. It was just about --

11 MR. [REDACTED] It was about the case in general.

12 MS. ROSNER: Yeah.

13 MR. [REDACTED] Yeah, she's -- yeah. I'll -- I'll
14 have to go back and double check, because we do about
15 20 of those cases a month. Well, I don't want to say
16 those cases.

17 MS. ROSNER: Social media.

18 MR. [REDACTED] Social media pertaining to
19 litigation.

20 MS. ROSNER: Right.

21 MR. [REDACTED] So --

22 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

23 MR. [REDACTED] -- it can get a little bit fuzzy
24 for me and I have to reference back the case number.

25 MS. ROSNER: And the issue I guess with the

1 district attorney was that, what, that she was getting
2 some type of information allegedly and was deleting stuff
3 from her account?

4 MR. [REDACTED] I think it was twofold. It was,
5 number one, that there was some type of an improper
6 relationship -- well, I won't even say improper. There
7 was some type of relationship between Ms. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and
8 Officer Mendez -- or Lieutenant Mendez that may have
9 caused her to embellish or make up events, and then two,
10 that, yeah, Lieutenant Mendez was feeding her information
11 or giving her suggestions on how to conceal or destroy
12 evidence. That was my understanding.

13 MS. ROSNER: Okay. All right. I think that's
14 all I have.

15 MR. [REDACTED] Okay.

16 MS. ROSNER: Is there anything else -- and
17 you'll send me the color photos?

18 MR. [REDACTED] I'm going to do -- give me a card
19 with an Email address and I will do it literally right
20 this second.

21 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Awesome. I am going to --
22 we're going to go off record.

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5 MS. ROSNER: All right. We are on record, and can
6 everybody introduce themselves?

7 My name is Jennifer Rosner. This is going to
8 be a digitally -- digitally recorded interview for IA
9 case 15-099, and I will be conducting the interview of
10 Lieutenant Mendez on behalf of the Department.

11 LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS: My name is Lieutenant Vern
12 Williams, V, as in Victor, e-r-n, Williams,
13 W-i-l-l-i-a-m-s. I'm a lieutenant assigned to the
14 Chief's office, and I'm here to give Lieutenant Mendez an
15 admonition order.

16 MR. HADDEN: Can I just ask one question, Jennifer?
17 Is the --

18 MS. ROSNER: Sure.

19 MR. HADDEN: Has the scope of the investigation
20 changed since you -- Mr. -- the order was issued for him
21 to be here and respond to questions?

22 MS. ROSNER: No.

23 MR. HADDEN: Okay.

24 My name is Bill Hadden. That was Bill Hadden,
25 just on the tape-recording. I'm an attorney for Joaquin

1 Mendez.

2 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: My name is Joaquin Mendez,
3 M-e-n-d-e-z, last name, and I'm a lieutenant with Airport
4 Police.

5 LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS: All right, Joaquin. As a
6 representative of the Chief of Airport Police, I'm
7 ordering you to answer any and all questions relating to
8 this investigation. If you refuse to answer any
9 questions, your silence may be deemed as insubordination
10 and may result in administrative discipline.

11 I'm ordering you to answer any and all
12 questions related to this investigation truthfully.
13 Making any false or misleading statements is misconduct
14 and may result in administrative discipline.

15 Read the sentences below aloud, then sign and
16 date to acknowledge you understand the administrative
17 orders that were read to you.

18 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I understand my administrative
19 orders as read to me. I agree to answer questions
20 related to this investigation under the threat of
21 discipline by my refusal to do so.

22 MR. HADDEN: And is it understood that his
23 statement's under administrative compulsion, cannot to be
24 used for any criminal purpose?

25 MS. ROSNER: Yeah. Hold on, let's go off the record

1 real quick.

2 Okay. We are back on record.

3 LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS: All right. My name is Vern
4 Williams and my rank is lieutenant. I am employed -- I
5 am employed in such capacity by the Airport Police, City
6 of Los Angeles, and I am representing the -- the Chief of
7 Airport Police.

8 Today's date is April 26, and the time is 1040
9 hours.

10 Pursuant to Government Code 3303, G as in
11 George, I'm tape-recording this interrogation.
12 Lieutenant Mendez, you also have the right to record this
13 interrogation. And he is -- and you are tape-recording,
14 correct?

15 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

16 MR. HADDEN: I am, or attempting.

17 LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS: Your attorney is
18 tape-recording. Okay.

19 MR. HADDEN: Yeah.

20 LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS: No more -- just to mention so
21 you understand your rights, no more than two
22 interrogators may ask questions at any one time. I will
23 not be asking you questions, though; I'm just reading
24 your -- your order.

25 This interrogation session should not extend

1 beyond a reasonable time, considering the gravity of the
2 issue. You should be able to attend to your own personal
3 physical necessities. Please ask if you need a recess to
4 use the bathroom, have a beverage, or otherwise refresh
5 yourself.

6 Are you taking any medication which would cause
7 you to be unable to understand and respond truthfully and
8 fully to the questions that will be asked of you or, in
9 the alternative, have you failed to take any prescription
10 or other medication which would assist you to understand
11 and respond truthfully and fully to the questions that
12 will be asked of you?

13 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

14 LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS: Okay. So you're not under any
15 medication, no --

16 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: That's correct.

17 LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS: Okay. Are you suffering from
18 any physical or mental condition that will cause you to
19 be unable to understand and respond truthfully and fully
20 to the questions that will be asked of you?

21 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

22 LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS: All right. The nature of this
23 investigation is an allegation that you had a personal
24 relationship with a domestic violence victim outside of
25 work while you were assigned to oversee her case.

1 The nature of this investigation is such that
2 the Department deems that you may be charged with a
3 criminal offense. Therefore, I will now advise you of
4 your Constitutional rights.

5 All right. You have the right to the remain
6 silent. Anything you say can be used against you in a
7 court of law. You have the right to have an attorney
8 present during questioning. If you cannot afford an
9 attorney, one will be appointed to you.

10 Do you understand your rights?

11 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

12 LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS: All right. And are you -- do
13 you want to waive your rights at this time?

14 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

15 LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS: Although you have refused to
16 waive your Constitutional rights, be advised that I will
17 now proceed with the administrative aspect of this
18 interrogation. Therefore, you are now ordered to fully
19 and truthfully answer all questions asked of you during
20 this interrogation.

21 Your failure to do so will, in and of itself,
22 constitute a dis -- disciplinable act of insubordination
23 and result in a recommendation of the disciplinary action
24 against you, up to and including dismissal.

25 Statements made by you in response to this

1 order cannot be used against you in a criminal
2 proceeding.

3 Do you understand?

4 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

5 LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS: The nature of the
6 interrogation focuses on administrative matters likely to
7 result in punitive action and, at your request, you will
8 have the right to be represented during the interrogation
9 by a representative of your choice who may be present at
10 all times during the interrogation.

11 The representative shall not be a person
12 subject to this investigation and shall not be -- and
13 shall not be required to disclose nor be subject to any
14 punitive action for refusing to disclose any information
15 received from you to the extent it does not regard
16 criminal matters. The Department will neither provide
17 nor compensate any such representative.

18 And we'll just go over this again just to make
19 sure it's on record.

20 So do you have a representative present?

21 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes, I do.

22 LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS: So please identify him.

23 MR. HADDEN: Bill Hadden.

24 LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS: Once again.

25 The press or media may request your home

1 address or photograph. Such information will not be
2 provided without your consent.

3 Do you consent to the release of such
4 information?

5 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I do not.

6 LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS: And can you initial next to
7 the "I do not consent"?

8 Prior to proceeding with the interrogation, do
9 you have any questions regarding the admonitions that I
10 have read to you?

11 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

12 LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS: And please read the last line,
13 number 18, on the paper.

14 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: This interrogation admonition
15 was read to me on April 26, 2016, at approximately --

16 LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS: 1044.

17 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: -- 1044 hours, and by my
18 signature herein, I acknowledge my understanding of my
19 rights and duties.

20 MR. HADDEN: And may I please get a copy of that
21 before we leave?

22 MS. ROSNER: Yes.

23 MR. HADDEN: Thank you.

24 MS. ROSNER: And we'll just go off record real
25 quick.

1 Okay. We are back on record, and Lieutenant
2 Williams has left the interview.

3 Okay. Lieutenant Mendez, can you tell me
4 your back -- a little bit about your background with the
5 Department, Los Angeles World Airport? When did you
6 start your employment with them?

7 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I started here at LAX in
8 February of 1992. That's when I started the academy,
9 and -- and I've been with them since -- do you need me to
10 go through the (unintelligible)?

11 MS. ROSNER: No. So I assume you -- you haven't
12 worked as a police officer for any other Department?

13 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

14 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And you started as a cadet?

15 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I started as a -- as a police
16 officer trainee.

17 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And then what -- when did you
18 become a police officer?

19 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I graduated from the academy six
20 months thereafter, so approximately August, July.

21 MS. ROSNER: And from there, you went to patrol?

22 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I did. I started as a -- as a
23 -- a police officer with a field training officer. I was
24 on probation for a total of, like, a year and a half
25 since the date of hire.

1 And after that I was a solo officer in patrol
2 for at least a couple years, then I went on to a
3 plainclothes unit where we targeted organized thefts at
4 the airport.

5 MS. ROSNER: When was that?

6 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: That was in 1995.

7 MS. ROSNER: Was that a promotion?

8 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No, it was a lateral
9 assignment.

10 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

11 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Then in 1997, I was on loan to
12 LAPD, Pacific Division, working the airport detail as
13 a -- a case-carrying detective. I did that for a couple
14 years.

15 MS. ROSNER: What were your duties as a
16 case-carrying detective?

17 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: My duties were, normally, if
18 someone was in custody, we would -- we would interview
19 them, we would get their -- the details of their arrest
20 and would present those cases to the city attorney or to
21 the district attorney for filing consideration, and then
22 also we would investigate crime reports and we would
23 follow up and develop leads, which in some cases
24 eventually led to the identity of suspects and
25 apprehension and, again, presenting their cases to the

1 city attorney and district attorney, so writing warrants
2 and -- and such.

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And from there?

4 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: After that assignment, I -- I
5 returned to patrol and I worked as a field training
6 officer, which now my responsibilities were to -- to
7 train police officer trainees when they were fresh out of
8 the academy so that I could prepare them for solo patrol,
9 a couple years after that.

10 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And what -- what was your next
11 assignment after that?

12 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: After that, I promoted to
13 sergeant.

14 MS. ROSNER: When was that?

15 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: In -- I believe it was 2002.
16 And my first assignment as a sergeant was -- was patrol.
17 I was patrol as a sergeant for a couple of years.

18 MS. ROSNER: And what was your next assignment after
19 patrol as a sergeant?

20 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: After that, I was assigned to
21 Internal Affairs as a sergeant investigating complaints
22 of misconduct. And I did that for approximately three
23 and a half, four years.

24 MS. ROSNER: And then after that, did you promote to
25 lieutenant?

1 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No. There was a position for an
2 assistant watch commander, and I returned to patrol as an
3 assistant watch commander to -- to 80-10, and so I did
4 that for about a year and a half.

5 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Then after that?

6 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: And then after that I -- I
7 promoted to lieutenant, and I was on patrol as a watch
8 commander for about a year, year and a half,
9 approximately.

10 And thereafter, as a -- a uniformed lieutenant,
11 I was transferred over to lead the traffic section, which
12 consisted of the nonsworn security officers that enforced
13 parking violations throughout the central terminal area,
14 and I was also in charge of the commercial enforcement
15 unit and the motors unit, the motorcycle officers unit.

16 MS. ROSNER: When -- do you recall when, what year
17 you were promoted to lieutenant?

18 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I think it was 2011.

19 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And how long did you serve as a
20 uniformed lieutenant in the lead traffic section?

21 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Approximately two years.

22 MS. ROSNER: And then was your next assignment after
23 that IA?

24 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes, it was.

25 MS. ROSNER: And what were your -- or what are your

1 duties as a IA lieutenant?

2 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: As an Internal Affairs
3 lieutenant, we are responsible for basically overseeing
4 the -- the work of the sergeants that investigate the
5 complaints of misconduct. We also are responsible for
6 reporting to the Chief of Police the -- the progress of
7 cases and maintaining statistical data of the cases that
8 come our way.

9 MS. ROSNER: And in September 2015, how many
10 officers were assigned to Internal Affairs?

11 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: There -- they were all
12 supervisors, so they were sergeants, and then we had a --
13 let's see.

14 MS. ROSNER: Well, were there any other lieutenants
15 other than yourself?

16 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

17 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So there was you, and then
18 who -- you said there were only sergeants below you?

19 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

20 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And who was assigned to IA in
21 September 2015?

22 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: There was Sergeant Ralph
23 Valencia, Sergeant Bill Hanley, Sergeant Belinda Nettles,
24 Sergeant Aleda Iraldo, Sergeant Karma Hines, Sergeant
25 Jorge Farias. And the -- the latter two were nonsworn

1 supervisors.

2 MS. ROSNER: Who was -- I'm sorry, who was the first
3 one, Ralph --

4 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Ralph Valencia.

5 Would you like me to spell their names?

6 MS. ROSNER: I think I got -- is Valencia just the
7 regular spelling?

8 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

9 MS. ROSNER: Ralph Valencia, Bill Hanley, Belinda
10 Nettles, Carmel Hines?

11 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Karma.

12 MS. ROSNER: Karma?

13 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Hines, H-i-n-e-s.

14 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And then -- so I have Sergeant
15 Ralph Valencia, Bill Hanley, Belinda Nettles, Karma
16 Hines. Who else?

17 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Aleda Iraldo.

18 MS. ROSNER: How do you spell that?

19 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: A-l-e-d-a, and last name,
20 I-r-a-l-d-o.

21 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Anyone else that I didn't
22 mention?

23 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes, last was Sergeant Jorge
24 Farias, F-a-r-i-a-s.

25 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And who did you report to?

1 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I reported directly to Chief
2 Gannon. And there were -- there was a civilian staff in
3 there also. I don't know if you need (unintelligible).

4 MS. ROSNER: Who was that?

5 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: And that was Carolyn Martinez.

6 MS. ROSNER: Carla?

7 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Carolyn.

8 MS. ROSNER: Oh, Carolyn. Sorry.

9 And what was her position?

10 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: She was a Management Assistant
11 II, and she was responsible for the administrative aspect
12 of Internal Affairs, like keeping statistics, keeping
13 the -- the progress of the cases.

14 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Now, at some point you became
15 aware in your capacity of lieutenant -- as lieutenant of
16 IA of an incident, a domestic violence incident that
17 occurred between Officer [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

18 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

19 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And when did you become aware
20 of -- that there was an incident?

21 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I don't remember the exact date,
22 but it was in September, where I was on call, and [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED] had been arrested by the [REDACTED] Police
24 Department for domestic batt- -- well, spousal abuse,
25 actually.

1 MS. ROSNER: Were they married?

2 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And the incident -- if I told
4 you the incident of -- between [REDACTED] and Ms. [REDACTED]
5 occurred September 20th, do you recall whether you found
6 out about the incident on the same day?

7 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I -- I think so. I found out
8 about the incident on the same day of the arrest.

9 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And how did you find out?

10 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I was the investigator that was
11 on call, and I received a telephone call from the watch
12 commander informing me that Officer [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had
13 been arrested by the [REDACTED] police.

14 MS. ROSNER: What does that mean to be the
15 investigator on call?

16 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: We -- we took turns on the
17 weekend to be the investigator on call. So what -- what
18 that meant is that if there was a major incident of
19 misconduct, the investigator on call would respond to
20 obtain preliminary information about the particular case,
21 start gathering documents, make notifications to the
22 command staff and to the Chief, and -- and basically just
23 prepare for -- for the investigation as -- as it
24 developed.

25 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And who was the -- you said you

1 received a call from the watch commander. Who was the
2 watch commander?

3 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Let's see. It started --
4 Barron, Eren Barron.

5 MS. ROSNER: And what did he tell you?

6 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: He basically informed me that --
7 that the [REDACTED] police were responding to Officer [REDACTED]
8 [REDACTED] house to -- to arrest him, that [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
9 called him and informed him that he was likely going to
10 be arrested because he had been involved in a domestic
11 violence incident with his live-in girlfriend, [REDACTED]
12 [REDACTED]

13 And I don't -- I don't remember the -- the
14 exact details of -- of that particular conversation, but
15 I do know that Sergeant Barron told me that it appeared
16 likely that he was going to be booked for it.

17 MS. ROSNER: And what was your -- what was the next
18 thing that you did after receiving that call?

19 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I -- I responded to the station
20 and I learned that Sergeant Barron had assigned Sergeant
21 Norm Ino to respond to either the [REDACTED] police station
22 or to the residence of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to obtain
23 preliminary information on his behalf.

24 Now, that being -- that being done, I
25 basically -- and that was part of the -- the -- the right

1 course of action, is to begin gathering the documents as
2 far as, like, the who, what, where, when, and how and why
3 of the incident.

4 MS. ROSNER: And, I'm sorry, he went to -- did you
5 go to the jail or did you go to [REDACTED] home?

6 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I believe he went to both, if
7 I'm not mistaken.

8 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

9 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: And -- and then thereafter when
10 Norm Ino came back to the station, we basically received
11 information such as the booking number, whether he was
12 going to bail out, you know, what happened during the
13 incident, and then I -- I prepared a -- an email for
14 the -- the Chief of Police to let him know that this --
15 this had occurred.

16 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And that was based on the
17 information that you had received from Sergeant Ino; is
18 that --

19 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes, from both Sergeant Ino and
20 from Sergeant Barron.

21 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And is this the -- let's see.
22 Is this the email that you prepared?

23 MR. HADDEN: Is Eren male or female?

24 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: He's a male.

25 MR. HADDEN: E-r-e-n, correct?

1 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

2 MR. HADDEN: Okay.

3 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes, this (unintelligible),
4 that's the email.

5 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And after you prepared that
6 email, do you take any other actions on September 20th
7 with regards to this -- this case?

8 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I believe I took -- I don't
9 remember if we took custody of his firearm and ID and the
10 stuff, whether we put it in the watch commander's safe or
11 we brought it back to Internal Affairs.

12 MS. ROSNER: Did you see Officer [REDACTED] that day?

13 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

14 MS. ROSNER: Who would have taken custody of his
15 weapon?

16 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Sergeant Ino.

17 MS. ROSNER: Did you see Ms. [REDACTED] that day?

18 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No. But I spoke to her on the
19 phone.

20 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And then this is the incident
21 history detail. Have you seen this before? This is for
22 September 20th, 2015.

23 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

24 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And -- can I just show you all?

25 MR. HADDEN: Sure.

1 MS. ROSNER: So this -- I guess this would detail
2 the call here. I guess would it start here, 15:16:12?

3 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

4 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And do you know who called it
5 in?

6 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I -- I know that she called
7 9-1-1, and I -- and I think [REDACTED] may have been on the
8 telephone, now -- now that I'm remembering some of --
9 some of the details of that day, when [REDACTED] police
10 arrived, I think that -- that -- that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was
11 on the telephone with Sergeant Barron.

12 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And -- okay. So this is from
13 [REDACTED] P.D.?

14 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: That's correct.

15 MS. ROSNER: This incident report? Okay. All
16 right.

17 MR. HADDEN: Incident report or call history?

18 MS. ROSNER: I'm sorry?

19 MR. HADDEN: Are you trying -- referring to an
20 incident report or a call history?

21 MS. ROSNER: This is the -- well, it's -- it's a
22 document that -- that's titled Incident History Detail.

23 MR. HADDEN: Okay.

24 MS. ROSNER: And -- okay. So you say you spoke to
25 Ms. [REDACTED] on the phone that day. How did you know

1 Ms. [REDACTED]

2 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I had -- I had met Ms. [REDACTED]
3 during a charity motorcycle ride in April of that year.

4 MS. ROSNER: Was she with Officer [REDACTED]

5 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

6 MS. ROSNER: So they were dating at that time?

7 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

8 MS. ROSNER: Was that the first time that you met
9 her?

10 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

11 MS. ROSNER: And then from that -- from April 2015
12 to September 20th, 2015, did you have any other contacts
13 with her?

14 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

15 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And when you said you contacted
16 her on September 20th, how did you contact her?

17 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: By telephone, from the watch
18 commander's office, and we put her on speaker and
19 Sergeant Eren Barron was also present.

20 MS. ROSNER: And how did you obtain her phone
21 number?

22 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I think it was provided by
23 either Sergeant Barron or -- or Detective Buseaga, who
24 was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] supervisor.

25 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And did you call her cell phone

1 or her home phone?

2 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: That was her cell phone.

3 MS. ROSNER: And what was the nature of the
4 conversation that you had with her on September 20th?

5 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: It was brief, but I basically
6 informed her that -- that the [REDACTED] police would issue
7 the emergency protective order, that she was --

8 We explained the emergency protective order and
9 the temporary restraining order. She was worried about
10 [REDACTED] bailing out and returning to the house, and we told
11 her that that was very unlikely to happen because of the
12 emergency protective order, even if he bailed out.

13 And we -- we informed her there's -- there's
14 going to be two different investigations: One is going
15 to be the criminal investigation that's going to be
16 conducted by the [REDACTED] police detectives that are going
17 to be following up during the week, and the second
18 investigation was going to be the administrative
19 investigation to investigate [REDACTED] [REDACTED] violations
20 of policy relative to the incident.

21 MS. ROSNER: And so when did the administrative
22 investigation start?

23 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: It basically started at the
24 onset of -- of the incident when we were first informed.
25 We gathered documents to prepare a complaint form, and

1 that's basically the document that launches the
2 investigation.

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And who makes the assignment
4 with regards to which sergeant investigates it? Is that
5 you?

6 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

7 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And who did you assigned to
8 investigate this investigation?

9 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I assigned it to Bill Hanley,
10 Sergeant Bill Hanley.

11 MS. ROSNER: And as the lieutenant, you oversee the
12 case as well?

13 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

14 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And the criminal investigation
15 was handled by [REDACTED] P.D.?

16 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: That's correct.

17 MS. ROSNER: And did you have any role with regards
18 to the criminal investigation?

19 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

20 MS. ROSNER: Were you interviewed as part of the
21 criminal investigation?

22 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

23 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And so you indicated to Ms. [REDACTED]
24 that day you were giving her the -- explained the
25 procedures for the emergency protective order and then

1 the -- the TRO?

2 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And then anything that occurred
4 during that conversation?

5 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I told her that the detective
6 that's assigned to the case would be following up with
7 her.

8 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And after that, what was the
9 next steps that you took with regards to the
10 investigation?

11 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Well, so I -- we informed the
12 Chief of Police. I think [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was -- he was
13 going to be put on administrative leave, of course, so he
14 was instructed to come and see the -- the captain the
15 next workday, the captain of patrol.

16 MS. ROSNER: Who was that?

17 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Captain Fernando Castro.

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

19 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: And I -- I recall -- and -- and
20 so that's what -- that's what transpired the following
21 day, and I had spoken with Chief Gannon by then.

22 And there was a -- there was actually a -- a
23 discussion with Captain Castro because he actually
24 intended to give [REDACTED] [REDACTED] an administrative
25 assignment and keep him at work, and I -- I had a -- a

1 different take on it because we had not done that in the
2 past for other employees that have had restraining orders
3 cannot carry a firearm.

4 So ultimately Chief Gannon made a decision
5 that, no, he was going to be placed on administrative
6 leave. So at eight o'clock, when [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was
7 there, we -- [REDACTED] and the administrator and me, we,
8 meaning Sergeant Bill Hanley and I --

9 MS. ROSNER: Uh-huh.

10 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: -- gave him the administrative
11 leave order. So he was -- he was basically ordered to
12 remain at -- at his house, (unintelligible) of income.

13 MS. ROSNER: Are you friends with officer [REDACTED]

14 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: He had -- he had worked for me
15 in patrol, but there's -- there's, like, three levels
16 of -- of rank because there's officer and then there's
17 the -- the sergeant, the assistant watch commander, and
18 then the lieutenant.

19 So we had -- we had worked together in patrol
20 maybe approximately a year, I want to say, when I was
21 the -- the day watch commander. I, you know, did not
22 have an opportunity to work closely with [REDACTED] and we
23 were not friends off -- off duty.

24 MS. ROSNER: Okay. The charity event that you saw
25 him at in April where you met Ms. [REDACTED] was that a

1 Department-sponsored charity event?

2 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: The event was to raise money for
3 the Officer Tommy Scott's Fellowship Foundation. Officer
4 Tommy Scott was one of our officers that was killed in
5 the line of duty in 2005. So ever since we have held
6 this charity event to raise money in -- in his behalf.

7 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And did you come with anyone --

8 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

9 MS. ROSNER: -- at that event?

10 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I was alone.

11 MS. ROSNER: And -- so when you put Officer [REDACTED]
12 on administrative leave, did he discuss the circumstances
13 of the case with you at all?

14 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

15 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Now, the emergency protective
16 order, does that involve a court hearing, or is that just
17 issued from the police department as a result of their
18 assessment at the scene?

19 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: That's issued automatically, and
20 I believe it expires within five to seven days, and --
21 and if -- if -- if there's going to be a different
22 restraining order, a temporary restraining order or a
23 permanent restraining order, that is something that
24 Ms. [REDACTED] had to seek on -- on her own and apply for it at
25 the court.

1 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And those were the procedures
2 that you explained to her over the phone?

3 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes, because -- what -- what I
4 understood is her worry was that [REDACTED] would come back
5 after the emergency protective order basically ended and
6 do something to her.

7 MR. HADDEN: Let me clear something up. When you
8 say the order was issued automatically, what do you mean
9 by that?

10 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: What I mean by that is, is that
11 usually when a -- a victim of a domestic violence --
12 well, actually, during the arrest for domestic violence,
13 the primary aggressor almost automatically, he will get
14 an emergency protective order issued by the arresting
15 officers that's going -- that's going to expire in a
16 week.

17 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Have you -- you've been -- have
18 you ever investigated domestic violence cases in the
19 past?

20 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

21 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And as part of -- out of those,
22 have you also investigated cases where the aggressor is
23 the officer -- is an officer, a police officer?

24 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

25 MS. ROSNER: How many -- other than this case, how

1 many other cases have you investigated where -- other
2 domestic violence cases have you investigated where the
3 aggressor was a police officer?

4 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: One.

5 MS. ROSNER: Which one was that?

6 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: A case against Officer [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED]

8 MS. ROSNER: And how long ago was that?

9 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: There -- there were various
10 different instances where Officer [REDACTED] had been
11 named as a suspect in a domestic violence case, not just
12 with -- with -- with one victim or one complainant, but
13 with three.

14 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

15 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: It started in 2004 all the way
16 through 2007, during the time period or stint where I
17 served as a sergeant in Internal Affairs.

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So 2004 to 2007, I'm sorry, so
19 you were a sergeant in Internal Affairs at that time?

20 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

21 MS. ROSNER: And were you responsible for
22 investigating that case?

23 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: The -- the three cases.

24 MS. ROSNER: But all three cases?

25 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

1 MS. ROSNER: And were the -- the victims, were those
2 significant others of Officer [REDACTED]

3 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

4 MS. ROSNER: Was he married to any of the victims?

5 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: The first victim.

6 MS. ROSNER: And the other two were girlfriends?

7 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: That's correct.

8 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So after you spoke to Ms. [REDACTED]
9 on the phone, anything else -- any other actions you took
10 with regards to the case on that day, on the 20th?

11 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

12 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And then did you talk to
13 Sergeant Hanley that day, assigning the case to him, the
14 Internal Affairs investigation?

15 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I -- I had spoke to him the
16 following day when [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was going to be placed
17 on administrative leave.

18 MS. ROSNER: So that would be Monday the 21st?

19 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

20 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And what instructions did you
21 give to Sergeant Hanley?

22 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Told him that he would be
23 assigned to the case, I would be assisting him because --
24 out of fairness, because I was the -- the investigator
25 that was on call, but he would be primarily responsible.

1 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And as the -- I guess in terms
2 of assisting him, what did you do to assist him on the
3 case?

4 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: We -- there were -- there were
5 times when there were hearings that looked for the
6 restraining order --

7 MS. ROSNER: Right.

8 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: -- where I attended, but
9 recollecting back, Sergeant Hanley was not present
10 because of medical appointments or other -- other --
11 other absences otherwise.

12 So he -- he -- there were things that -- that I
13 did with another investigator aside from -- from Hanley,
14 and that was -- that was Sergeant Aleda Iraldo or
15 Sergeant Belinda Nettles.

16 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So after -- so the 21st you put
17 Officer [REDACTED] on administrative leave, and then what
18 was the next time that you had any activity with regards
19 to this case, that you took any actions with regards to
20 this case?

21 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I think -- I think we attended a
22 restraining order hearing.

23 MS. ROSNER: Would that be the temporary restraining
24 order hearing?

25 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

1 MS. ROSNER: And do you recall when that was?

2 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I apologize. I -- I don't have
3 that -- that specific date.

4 MS. ROSNER: Do you recall whether it was -- you
5 said the emergency restraining order lasts five to seven
6 days. Do you recall whether it was approximately a week
7 later?

8 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: It was definitely approximately
9 a week later.

10 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Was it -- the incident happened
11 September 20th. Would it have been October 9th, or would
12 it have been before then?

13 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I -- I don't recall.

14 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Between the temporary
15 restraining hearing and September 20th, did you have any
16 contacts with Ms. [REDACTED]

17 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay. What contact did you have with
19 her?

20 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: The -- the agreement was for her
21 to move out of [REDACTED] residence. My
22 understanding is that they had been together
23 approximately a year and they had been living together
24 approximately three months.

25 And she was supposed to leave the house and

1 then return to -- to her -- to her parents' house in [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] -- once [REDACTED] learned that she was
3 completely out of the house, then he could come back and
4 reside in his house once again.

5 MS. ROSNER: And how did it -- how did you come to
6 be aware of this agreement?

7 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: This is what -- I don't remember
8 if it was her that told us or the [REDACTED] police
9 detectives that told us that were assigned to this
10 case.

11 MS. ROSNER: Then this would have been relayed to
12 you on the 20th, September 20th?

13 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

14 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

15 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes, uh-huh.

16 MS. ROSNER: So --

17 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I can't -- I can't remember --
18 I'm sorry, Ms. Rosner, I can't remember if it was -- if
19 it was her that told me, the detectives, or [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
20 that morning. But I remember --

21 MS. ROSNER: The morning you put him on
22 administrative leave?

23 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

24 But I remember discussing this with him because
25 he did want to know when she was completely out of the

1 house so that he can gain entry back into his home.

2 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So you indicated -- going back
3 to the question, so you said from September 20th to the
4 TRO hearing you did have contact with Ms. [REDACTED] When --
5 when did you first have contacts with her again after the
6 20th?

7 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I think it may have been either
8 the 20th or the 21st, because the -- the act of her
9 leaving the residence and [REDACTED] regaining entry into his
10 home, it happened within the first couple of days.

11 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And so what was the -- did you
12 initiate contact with her?

13 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I -- I -- I believe I did.

14 MS. ROSNER: And what was the purpose for the
15 initiation of contact?

16 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: To let me know when she's
17 completely out of the house so that [REDACTED] can regain
18 entry into his home and I can call him and tell him.

19 MS. ROSNER: And when did this conversation occur?

20 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I -- I believe it was the -- the
21 20th.

22 MS. ROSNER: This -- was this during the
23 conversation you had in the watch commander's office?

24 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No, it was afterward --

25 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

1 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: -- from that afternoon.

2 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So you called her again?

3 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Probably the -- it was probably
4 the same -- oh, you mean -- well, that was the second
5 time I spoke to her, when I instructed her to let -- let
6 me know when she's out of the house so that [REDACTED] can
7 have his house back.

8 MS. ROSNER: And did that conversation also occur on
9 speaker phone in the watch commander's office?

10 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I think it may have occurred in
11 the Internal Affairs, in my office in Internal Affairs.

12 MS. ROSNER: And was anyone else present?

13 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I -- I don't think so.

14 MS. ROSNER: And how long was the next time that you
15 spoke to her after that?

16 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I believe it was the following
17 day or the day after, after that. I can't recall
18 because, you know, it's been over six months.

19 MS. ROSNER: I understand.

20 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: But I remember speaking to her
21 about the fact that she was out of the house, she told me
22 the -- about her seeking a temporary restraining order,
23 and -- and then we talked about interviewing her.

24 So we made arrangements and we interviewed her
25 within the first two or three days, in person, of -- of

1 [REDACTED] arrest, and it was -- I believe it was Sergeant
2 Bill Hanley and I that went to a residence to interview
3 her.

4 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And -- so you did interview her
5 at her home?

6 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

7 MS. ROSNER: Which home? Was it -- was it when she
8 was living with [REDACTED] or once she had moved out?

9 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: We interviewed her at [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED] house when she was moving out.

11 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And do you recall when that was?

12 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Within the -- the first couple
13 of days. So --

14 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

15 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Either the 21st or the 22nd.

16 MS. ROSNER: Did you ever go to her home with
17 Sergeant Iraldo?

18 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

19 MS. ROSNER: And when was that? Was that before or
20 after you interviewed her?

21 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: That was after.

22 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Why did you go to her -- her
23 home?

24 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: We --

25 MS. ROSNER: And this, again, was to -- to [REDACTED]

1 home.

2 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Uh-huh.

3 MS. ROSNER: When she was living there, right?

4 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Right. Part of the
5 administrative investigation, we gather all of -- some of
6 the -- the documents that are related to that case, and
7 one of those documents was the -- the temporary
8 restraining order. So we agreed for us to get a copy of
9 the restraining order. We were going to serve it on --
10 on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and I think that was the purpose of
11 going to a residence that day.

12 MS. ROSNER: I'm sorry, this was the temporary
13 restraining order paperwork or the emergency restraining
14 order?

15 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: The emergency protective order,
16 Ms. Rosner, was given by the [REDACTED] police detectives.
17 So this would be the temporary restraining order.

18 MS. ROSNER: And you were getting that to serve it
19 on [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

20 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

21 MS. ROSNER: So the interview with Sergeant Hanley
22 occurred before you went with Sergeant Iraldo to the
23 residence to get the TRO paperwork; is that correct?

24 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

25 MS. ROSNER: Between September 20th, other than the

1 interview and going to the residence to obtain paperwork,
2 did you speak to Ms. [REDACTED] on the phone at all?

3 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I -- I don't recall but it's --
4 it's very -- very possible.

5 MS. ROSNER: And what would the nature of those
6 conversations --

7 MR. HADDEN: Between September 20th and what else?

8 MS. ROSNER: And going to the residence to obtain
9 the paperwork for the TRO.

10 MR. HADDEN: Okay.

11 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: It's -- it's very possible,
12 because I know that we were trying to make arrangements
13 as far as a time to be there.

14 I know that the -- she had a lot of questions
15 about the differences in -- in the restraining order,
16 what the process was, what's going to happen. It was the
17 first time that she had gone through being a victim of a
18 domestic violence and through the court system.

19 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did you provide her with any
20 advice with regards to the restraining order?

21 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No, I -- I just explained
22 basically the -- the -- the process and what -- what they
23 are, basically.

24 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And when -- when you spoke to
25 her, were you at the Department for those -- during those

1 phone calls?

2 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And how often would you say that
4 you spoke to her on the phone between September 20th and
5 her interview -- her administrative interview with
6 Sergeant Hanley?

7 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Maybe once or twice.

8 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And how many times did you speak
9 to her on the phone between the interview with Sergeant
10 Hanley and going to her residence to pick up the
11 paperwork?

12 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Maybe once.

13 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And what was the -- the time
14 between how -- the interview and going to her residence
15 to obtain the temporary restraining order, what was the
16 time lapse, approximately, if you recall?

17 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: A day.

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Oh, so they were very close
19 together?

20 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes, they were.

21 MS. ROSNER: So -- the 20th was a Sunday, so the
22 21st was Monday. So the interview and going to her
23 residence to pick up the TRO paperwork occurred during
24 that week --

25 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

1 MS. ROSNER: -- of the 21st? Okay. And then
2 after -- now, did you go to the -- the TRO hearing?

3 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

4 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And when did that occur?

5 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: If it didn't occur that -- that
6 same week, it probably occurred the following.

7 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Would you have gone to her
8 residence to pick up the TRO paperwork before the
9 hearing, then, or after?

10 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: It was before the hearing date,
11 because we were going to be serving it on -- on
12 Mr. [REDACTED]

13 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And did you serve Officer
14 [REDACTED] with that paperwork?

15 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

16 MS. ROSNER: Did you personally serve him?

17 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes, but I -- I -- yes.

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Where did you serve him?

19 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: At the Airport police station on
20 World Way West.

21 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And you call him in from
22 administrative leave to serve him?

23 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

24 MS. ROSNER: Did you have any conversations with
25 Officer [REDACTED] about his case from the time that -- from

1 the 20th to the time that you served him with the
2 paperwork?

3 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

4 MS. ROSNER: And when did you serve him with the
5 paperwork?

6 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I think it may have been the --
7 the 21st or the 22nd. I remember serving it to him the
8 same day that I obtained it from -- from Ms. [REDACTED]

9 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And so you indicated that you
10 went to the temporary restraining order hearing?

11 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

12 MS. ROSNER: And what was the purpose for attending
13 that?

14 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: The purpose for attending it was
15 to get an immediate response as far as whether the
16 restraining order was going to be granted, and it had
17 been our -- our experience in Internal Affairs in the
18 past that the -- sometimes the office -- officers make
19 statements that are inaccurate, less than accurate,
20 during some of those hearings, and I had that experience
21 with -- with Officer [REDACTED]

22 MS. ROSNER: And so did you observe the proceeding,
23 the temporary restraining order hearing?

24 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I -- I -- I believe we did, but
25 it was just -- just put off for a different day. In

1 other words, there was going to be a -- a trial,
2 (unintelligible) events trial, or the judge was going to
3 make the determination, you know, whether to grant the
4 neutral permanent restraining order, but those --
5 those -- well, that decision takes time and there are a
6 number of hearings that occur before that decision is
7 made.

8 MS. ROSNER: And who did you go, if you went with
9 anyone, to the temporary restraining order hearing?

10 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I believe I went with Sergeant
11 Aleda Iraldo because it was one of those days where
12 Sergeant Bill Hanley was unavailable.

13 MS. ROSNER: And did anyone testify on that date, as
14 far as you remember?

15 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

16 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And was the -- so was the TRO
17 issued?

18 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

19 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And then the next step in the
20 process would have been the hearing for the -- the
21 permanent restraining order?

22 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

23 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And did you have any contact
24 with Ms. [REDACTED] on the day of the temporary restraining
25 order hearing that you went to with Sergeant Iraldo?

1 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

2 MS. ROSNER: What contact did you have with her?

3 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Well, she -- she initiated
4 contact with us and basically told us that she was still
5 concerned that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] would somehow retaliate
6 against her for filing the -- the criminal complaint or
7 calling 9-1-1.

8 She said that she was concerned because she
9 lived with her parents in [REDACTED] and they were both
10 [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]
11 would come and do something to her at that -- at that
12 residence.

13 She was concerned that [REDACTED] knew where she
14 worked -- she had a business -- and that he would -- he
15 would basically do something to her.

16 MS. ROSNER: And where did this conversation with
17 her take place?

18 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I think it -- it occurred either
19 at the floor of the -- the courtroom.

20 MS. ROSNER: In the hallway?

21 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: In the hallway, or it occurred
22 downstairs. I can't recall.

23 MS. ROSNER: And was Sergeant Iraldo with you when
24 you had this conversation with Ms. [REDACTED]

25 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

1 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And do you recall what she was
2 wearing, Ms. [REDACTED] that day?

3 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I think she was wearing a blue
4 dress.

5 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And did you -- do you have any
6 paperwork from her on that day?

7 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I can't recall. We -- we may
8 have.

9 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did you have any further
10 contacts with Ms. [REDACTED] on that day?

11 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

12 MS. ROSNER: Do you recall -- so you indicated to me
13 that you went to her residence to obtain the TRO
14 paperwork. Between that time and the TRO hearing, how
15 much time had lapsed?

16 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: A few days to a week.

17 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And did you have contacts with
18 Ms. [REDACTED] either on the phone or in person between the
19 going to her residence and the TRO hearing?

20 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I -- I can't recall. I can't
21 recall. She -- she may have called me, but when she did
22 call me, it was with the same primary concern, that --
23 that [REDACTED] would somehow do something to her, she was
24 afraid of him.

25 She -- during the interview I remember her

1 mentioning various instances that she had suffered abuse
2 from [REDACTED] but she had not reported it, and -- and she
3 may have reiterated that.

4 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Now, with regards to -- when you
5 went to her residence to get the TRO paperwork, how did
6 you become aware that she had received a TRO?

7 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I think she called.

8 MS. ROSNER: She called you?

9 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I think so, yeah.

10 MS. ROSNER: When she called you, did she call you
11 on -- at the Department? Did she call your cell phone?

12 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: She had my Department cell
13 phone.

14 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And you had given her that phone
15 number?

16 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

17 MS. ROSNER: When did you give her that phone
18 number?

19 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: The day that we spoke on -- at
20 the watch commander's office, when [REDACTED] was arrested.

21 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And she called you to indicate
22 that she had obtained the TRO?

23 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

24 MS. ROSNER: When did she call you to notify you of
25 that?

1 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: It was during the first week
2 following the incident that she -- she had gone -- she
3 had followed through to -- to get the restraining order.

4 And usually with a TRO, I think they do like an
5 ex parte order, so she -- she gets there, the judge
6 issues the ex parte order and then schedules the hearing
7 later on. So it's granted almost automatically.

8 MS. ROSNER: Did you go to her residence to pick up
9 the paperwork that same day?

10 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Probably the first couple of
11 days.

12 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So you went to the TRO hearing.
13 Was Officer [REDACTED] there?

14 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

15 MS. ROSNER: Did you talk to him?

16 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I -- I think so, yeah, uh-huh.

17 MS. ROSNER: And what was the conversation with him?

18 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: You know, it was very, very
19 brief. It was in the presence of his attorney, too.

20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was her name. And it was -- it was
21 basically, you know, how you doing? That's -- just
22 well-being basically.

23 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And, I'm sorry, did you get
24 paperwork from Ms. [REDACTED] that day?

25 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I think so but, you know, it's

1 kind of hard to recollect exactly at what point I got
2 paperwork from her.

3 I do know that there were a couple of
4 instances. I mean, there was the temporary restraining
5 order that we were going to serve on [REDACTED] and then
6 there was the proof that we had to return to her. So
7 there was a couple of instances where we had to exchange
8 paperwork.

9 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And when you -- so after you
10 spoke to her in court that day, what was the next time
11 that you had contact with her?

12 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I can't recall. There were --
13 there were several instances where she would call to
14 apprise me of the next court date.

15 MS. ROSNER: Was she -- so you were her contact
16 person?

17 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: She -- she would, I guess, call
18 me, probably because I was the -- the first investigator
19 that responded to the case on Sunday when it happened.

20 The other -- the other things is that Sergeant
21 Hanley, she said she would also leave messages for him
22 that had not been returned, so she would -- she would
23 call me up.

24 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

25 MR. HADDEN: Ms. Rosner.

1 MS. ROSNER: Yes?

2 MR. HADDEN: Need a break?

3 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes, please.

4 MS. ROSNER: Sure. Going off record.

5 All right. So with regards to your contacts
6 with Ms. [REDACTED] I think you were telling me, so after the
7 TRO hearings, when was the next time that you had
8 contacts with Ms. [REDACTED]

9 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: There were several times, I can
10 generally recall each particular one, but she would --
11 she would call to ask questions about the process and
12 clar- -- clarification or clarity of the two separate
13 investigations, meaning the administrative investigation
14 that had been lodged against -- against [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and
15 the criminal investigation that was being conducted by
16 the [REDACTED] police detectives.

17 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Other than in court, did you see
18 Ms. [REDACTED] between September 20th and the TRO hearing?

19 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

20 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So -- so this TRO hearing is the
21 first time you saw her in person? Since the -- since the
22 incident occurred.

23 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Since -- since the inter- --
24 well, since the interview, yes.

25 MS. ROSNER: I'm sorry, since the -- right, 'cause

1 you also interviewed her.

2 What did she look like when you interviewed
3 her?

4 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: She was wearing workout
5 clothing.

6 MS. ROSNER: And what about her face, was it bruised
7 or --

8 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: She still had physical
9 indications that she had been in a fight.

10 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So the TRO hearing, so when was
11 the next time that you had contact with Ms. [REDACTED] that you
12 recall, after the TRO hearing?

13 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: She would call on the phone
14 and -- and, again, she would -- she would just ask
15 questions about -- about the -- the differences between
16 the two. I think she was unclear on that and she was --

17 MS. ROSNER: When you say "the two" --

18 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: The two, meaning the criminal
19 investigation and the administrative investigation.

20 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

21 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: And she was -- she was un --
22 unclear. I think that initially she was under the
23 impression that we were conducting both, but I -- I
24 recall explaining the process to her; we -- we -- that
25 the [REDACTED] detectives are the ones that are going to be

1 presenting the case to the district attorney's office for
2 filing consideration.

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And did you go, then, to any
4 other court hearings regarding this after the TRO?

5 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No, I -- I don't believe so. I
6 don't -- I don't think that we -- I attended his
7 arraignment because we -- we knew that he was going to
8 plead not -- not guilty, and which doesn't matter up
9 close.

10 MS. ROSNER: Did you attend the -- or was there a
11 permanent restraining order hearing?

12 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Initially, yes.

13 MS. ROSNER: What do you mean, "initially"?

14 Well, after this TRO, there's a permanent
15 restraining order hearing.

16 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

17 MS. ROSNER: Did you attend that one?

18 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

19 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And do you recall how long after
20 the TRO that one was held?

21 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

22 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Approximately?

23 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Several weeks?

24 MS. ROSNER: Do you recall who you attended with, if
25 anybody?

1 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Most likely Sergeant Bill
2 Hanley.

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Do you recall attending another
4 court hearing with Sergeant Iraldo?

5 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: It's very possible that we
6 attended a couple of different hearings.

7 MS. ROSNER: And what would -- other than the TRO,
8 what would that be, or were they all for the TRO?

9 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No. They were -- they were
10 either for the -- the temporary restraining order, the
11 permanent restraining order, or the criminal case.

12 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So you would attend court,
13 different court hearings for the criminal case as well?

14 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes, just to observe the -- the
15 proceedings. And -- and, again, the reasoning behind
16 this was because it had been our experience in Internal
17 Affairs that some of the -- some of the officers was --
18 were less than forthright about certain -- certain
19 details, you know, as far as the employment, and actually
20 there were -- I don't know if I can get specifics about
21 other cases, but --

22 MS. ROSNER: You don't -- you can just tell me
23 generally. You don't have to provide names.

24 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Generally we -- we just wanted
25 the record to -- to -- to be accurate.

1 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And do you recall during one
2 court proceeding that -- I don't know how -- I'm blanking
3 on her last name, but Officer [REDACTED] attorney [REDACTED] --

4 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: [REDACTED]

5 MS. ROSNER: [REDACTED] thank you -- telling you that
6 they had hired a private investigator?

7 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I think -- I think [REDACTED] may
8 have said that.

9 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

10 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Uh-huh.

11 MS. ROSNER: Do you recall who was there when he
12 told you that?

13 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I cannot recall if it was either
14 Sergeant Iraldo or Sergeant Hanley.

15 MS. ROSNER: Do you recall which hearing that was
16 that he told you that?

17 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did you tell Ms. [REDACTED] after that
19 conversation that they had hired a private investigator?

20 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

21 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did you ever look at her
22 Instagram account?

23 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Only -- only when it was brought
24 to my attention that she had posted photographs of her
25 injuries and she had made different comments on her

1 Instagram account --

2 MS. ROSNER: When was that?

3 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: -- about the -- the situation.

4 I think it was probably that -- that first
5 week.

6 MS. ROSNER: Did you ever tell her to remove photos
7 from her Instagram account?

8 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

9 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

10 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: If -- if I remember correctly,
11 the -- the -- she had been assigned to a victims'
12 advocate, and I can't recall, but I -- I -- I remember --
13 recall her mentioning that the victim's advocate had
14 suggested against it. You know?

15 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did you -- and -- well, and how
16 did -- how did you come to be aware of that conversation
17 that she had?

18 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I think she told us, and I think
19 she may have told me in the presence of Sergeant Iraldo,
20 but I'm not a hundred percent certain.

21 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

22 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: And she had mentioned that --
23 she had confided to us that the reason that she did it
24 was because she wanted the world to know what he had done
25 to her.

1 MS. ROSNER: Did you ever call Ms. [REDACTED] from her car
2 with -- in the presence of Sergeant Iraldo after one of
3 the court hearings?

4 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I -- I can't recall. It may --
5 if -- I know that there was a situation where I had
6 gotten the wrong paperwork, and I may have called her for
7 that.

8 MS. ROSNER: Do you recall when that was?

9 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: It was following one of the
10 hearings, you know.

11 MS. ROSNER: And you called her?

12 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yeah, I think.

13 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Is there any reason why you
14 would have spoken Spanish to her as opposed to English?

15 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Um --

16 MS. ROSNER: Did you normally when you spoke to her,
17 would you guys speak in English or Spanish?

18 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Both, actually. You know?

19 MS. ROSNER: When Sergeant Iraldo was around, does
20 Sergeant Iraldo speak Spanish, do you -- if you know?

21 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: She speaks a little bit of
22 Spanish because she's -- she's Puerto Rican.

23 MS. ROSNER: Do you -- did you -- in front of
24 Sergeant Iraldo when you would talk to Ms. [REDACTED] did you
25 speak in English or Spanish?

1 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Probably both.

2 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did --

3 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: But I'm not a hundred percent
4 certain.

5 MS. ROSNER: Did you ever talk to Ms. [REDACTED] in
6 Spanish because you didn't want Sergeant Iraldo to
7 understand the conversation?

8 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

9 MS. ROSNER: Now, after the -- the TRO hearings,
10 the -- the -- and you said there was a permanent
11 restraining order hearing as well that you attended? If
12 you recall; I don't want to put words in your mouth.

13 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I -- I believe so, yeah.

14 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Do you recall who you attended
15 the permanent restraining order hearing with?

16 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: We -- we may have -- you know,
17 there's -- there's a couple of -- there's -- it's either
18 Sergeant Hanley or Sergeant Iraldo, one of the two.

19 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And why did you go to all of the
20 hearings? Was there a reason why you didn't send a
21 sergeant in your place?

22 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: It was more the reason than
23 because I was the one that was on call when this -- this
24 incident occurred and because Sergeant Hanley was
25 unavailable.

1 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

2 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: And usually when we go out,
3 sometimes (unintelligible) have to.

4 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Now, at some point in time did
5 your relationship with Ms. [REDACTED] become a -- a physical
6 relationship, a -- a personal relationship other than a
7 business relationship?

8 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes, there was a point in time
9 when it -- when that occurred.

10 MS. ROSNER: And when did that occur?

11 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: That occurred in late October.

12 MS. ROSNER: And at what stage was the
13 administrative investigation in late October? Of 2015
14 you're talking about?

15 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

16 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And the IA was still -- the IA
17 was still ongoing?

18 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

19 MS. ROSNER: And at what stage was the IA
20 investigation at that point in time?

21 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I think we were just trailing
22 the developments of the permanent restraining order and
23 the criminal trial, because I think that by that point
24 the district attorney had already made a decision to file
25 criminal charges and to go ahead with -- with formal

1 charges against Mr. [REDACTED]

2 MS. ROSNER: Had the Internal Affairs
3 investigation -- well, you said it was ongoing, so had
4 findings been made at that point?

5 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

6 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

7 MR. HADDEN: You mean administrative findings?

8 MS. ROSNER: Administrative, yes.

9 Prior -- you were placed on administrative
10 leave, correct?

11 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I -- I was placed on
12 administrative leave on November 24th, I believe, because
13 it was a couple of days before Thanksgiving.

14 MS. ROSNER: And prior to you being put on
15 administrative leave, had there been any administrative
16 findings or administrative findings made in the
17 investigation at the time you were put on administrative
18 leave? With regards to Officer [REDACTED]

19 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

20 MS. ROSNER: What information did you have with
21 regards to the administrative investigation as of October
22 2015 with regards to Officer [REDACTED]

23 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: We basically knew that the --
24 the -- the restraining order had been granted, that there
25 was going to be a civil restraining order, and we were

1 waiting for the -- the different dates that were related
2 to that to happen. In other words, we were just -- we
3 were just trailing the -- the -- the developments of
4 that.

5 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

6 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: At the same time we're also
7 trailing the -- or monitoring, rather, the developments
8 of the criminal trial.

9 MS. ROSNER: Were you tolling the administrative
10 pending the criminal?

11 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

12 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And who initiated a sexual
13 relationship between you and Ms. [REDACTED] Who initiated
14 that, a relationship?

15 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: You know, I -- I want to say it
16 was -- it was mutual, but I -- I can -- if I can clarify
17 that, you know, the -- the entire catalyst or -- or -- or
18 when the conversations between us drifted into a personal
19 level, it was probably -- probably late October.

20 There was -- I think there was a discussion
21 about cars, and -- and I -- I'm into classic cars, and
22 it just -- it originated from the events with Airport
23 police and one of them was a car show, and then I think I
24 mentioned about having a classic car in the show.

25 And then thereafter I mentioned that I get my

1 cars painted at a -- at a place where there's a famous
2 actor that gets his cars painted, and -- and then she --
3 she said that a friend of her's husband -- former
4 husband, deceased, used to work at that same location.

5 And there was an event on October 25th, for
6 Councilman Joey Huizar from the City of L.A. regarding
7 the farewell to the Sixth Street bridge in downtown, and
8 they --

9 MS. ROSNER: Oh, Jose Huizar?

10 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

11 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

12 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: And I was going to have my car
13 there, and he -- she goes ahead and sends me a flier for
14 the same thing, so we decided to go together. And I
15 think that that was probably what initiated the first
16 conversation that turned into a personal level.

17 MS. ROSNER: Up until that point were your
18 conversations primarily during duty hours or off duty at
19 that point?

20 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Well, I'm -- she would -- she
21 would -- she would converse both during duty hours and
22 off-duty hours, and some of them were by way of text.

23 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

24 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Not all of them were -- were
25 phone calls.

1 MS. ROSNER: And what were the -- prior to this
2 October 25th conversation, or approximately, what was the
3 nature of the conversations with regards -- with
4 Ms. [REDACTED]

5 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Prior to October 25th?

6 MS. ROSNER: Were they professional?

7 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes, they -- they -- they were.
8 She would -- some in the mornings, like, I guess before
9 the hearings, she would text me about being nervous at --
10 at the courtrooms and I would, I remember, tell her, you
11 know, practice four-square breathing exercises, breathing
12 exercises, clarity. I think the victims' advocate -- I
13 told her to rely on the victims' advocate.

14 This was all new to her. So it was -- it was
15 along those -- the nature what was happening with that.

16 MS. ROSNER: Was the extent of your conversations
17 with Ms. [REDACTED] prior to October 25th, was that, I would
18 say, I guess with regards to other cases you've
19 investigate -- domestic violence cases, not with an
20 officer, but just other domestic violence cases, did you
21 have the same amount of contact with her as you did in
22 your prior domestic violence cases with other victims?

23 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I -- I want to say yes, because
24 the -- well, you know, the one case I can recall is the
25 case with Officer [REDACTED] [REDACTED] In that case, yes,

1 again, the -- the -- the victim would call at different
2 hours of the night and -- and during the day.

3 But -- yeah, I -- I can't say that they were --
4 they were too -- too different.

5 MS. ROSNER: That your -- your --

6 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: The conversations regarding --
7 regarding the developments, I guess, of the restraining
8 order and the -- what was going happen to the -- to the
9 officer as far as the two different investigations.

10 MS. ROSNER: Prior to October 25th, did you ever see
11 Ms. [REDACTED] outside of the court proceedings? Other than
12 her interview.

13 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No, other than her interview and
14 the court proceedings, no.

15 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So that Sixth Street bridge
16 festival was the first time that you guys went out on a,
17 I guess, personal level?

18 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

19 MS. ROSNER: We've already talked about [REDACTED]
20 Did you ever have a sexual relationship with any of the
21 victims that you were -- whose cases you were
22 investigating?

23 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

24 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And you said there were three
25 victims with regards to that reported sexual -- or

1 domestic violence charges against Officer [REDACTED]
2 right?

3 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes, or domestic
4 violence-related charges --

5 MS. ROSNER: Related.

6 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: -- such as stalking, unknown
7 phone calls.

8 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So with regards to any of those
9 three, you never had a sexual relationship with any of
10 those three?

11 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Absolutely not.

12 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So with regards to Ms. [REDACTED] so
13 October 25th, or the date of the bridge street festival,
14 that was the first time that you saw her on a
15 nonprofessional level since September 20th, 2015?

16 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

17 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Do you feel it was appropriate
18 for you to be having a social, personal relationship with
19 her while there was an ongoing IA investigation?

20 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Absolutely not, and I -- I feel
21 humiliated by the fact that -- that I'm in this
22 situation, and it's something that -- that I -- that I
23 did have regret.

24 There's -- you know, going back to it, it --
25 it -- it feels -- it -- it -- of all the -- I don't think

1 that there's -- when it's -- it's all said and done, it's
2 kind of -- no one hates me more than I hate myself for
3 this.

4 MS. ROSNER: Are you still -- do you still have a
5 sexual relationship with Ms. [REDACTED]

6 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I don't have a relationship with
7 her at all. I was placed on administrative leave, as I
8 mentioned earlier, a couple days before Thanksgiving.

9 And even though [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED] that I was placed on
14 administrative that week.

15 MS. ROSNER: Did you -- when did your relationship,
16 your sexual relationship, with Ms. [REDACTED] end?

17 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I -- I wanted to clarify that.
18 Outside of work, I only saw Ms. [REDACTED] maybe like four
19 times.

20 MS. ROSNER: I'm sorry, what? Outside of work --

21 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Outside of -- I only saw
22 Ms. [REDACTED] about four times between October 25th to the
23 time that I was placed on -- on administrative leave,
24 which we're -- I think the first week we had training in
25 Virginia, so I was gone. So we're talking about a period

1 of -- of three weeks that I -- that I saw her during that
2 stint.

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay. When did the relationship end?

4 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Well, the -- the day that I was
5 placed on administrative leave, I called her and I told
6 her what had happened and I -- I had told her that --
7 that --

8 MS. ROSNER: Sorry, I'm low on battery; that's why
9 I'm looking at the recorder.

10 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Oh.

11 MS. ROSNER: Go ahead.

12 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Do you want to take a break to
13 get --

14 MS. ROSNER: No. Go ahead. Go ahead.

15 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I told her it was ending. When
16 I received the paperwork for -- the administrative leave
17 paperwork and the chief brought me into the office, and I
18 read it because it was on his desk and it was upside
19 down, but it said administrative order, I felt like the
20 world had collapsed on me. I felt, you know, repulsed,
21 felt humiliated. I let so many people down. And you
22 know what? Ms. Rosner, on the flip side, I think there
23 was a sense of relief because I now had more than a
24 legitimate reason to just let me cut it off.

25 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

1 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Something I shouldn't -- not
2 have started.

3 MS. ROSNER: And did you ever have -- between
4 October 25th and when you were put on administrative
5 leave, did you have -- carry on that sexual relationship
6 on duty at any time?

7 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Of course not.

8 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And, I'm sorry, so the
9 relationship ended when, exactly?

10 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I guess, you know, you could --
11 you could say the date I was placed on administrative
12 leave.

13 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

14 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: That's when I completely cut off
15 communication.

16 MS. ROSNER: Did you tell anybody that you had
17 started a relationship with Ms. [REDACTED]

18 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

19 MR. HADDEN: And specifically in those terms?

20 MS. ROSNER: I'm sorry?

21 MR. HADDEN: You started a relationship with her?

22 MS. ROSNER: Or that you were seeing her outside
23 of -- you were seeing her personally, that it was more
24 than just a business relationship at that point?

25 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

1 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And she posted some pictures
2 from that Sixth Street bridge festival; do you recall
3 that? Do you see that on her Instagram account?

4 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I -- I did not see her on her
5 Instagram account. I -- I want to say that I'm not that
6 all that -- I don't rely on -- I don't have a Facebook
7 account, I don't do Instagram, Facebook --

8 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

9 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: -- any of that stuff. So -- so
10 I don't -- I don't -- I -- I didn't go on her Instagram
11 account and I wasn't aware that those pictures were there
12 until the day I was placed on administrative leave. You
13 know, they brought --

14 MS. ROSNER: Oh, she never told you that she was --

15 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: -- they brought me pictures of
16 the car show.

17 MS. ROSNER: She never told you she was posting your
18 car on the -- on her Instagram account.

19 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No. The day that -- the day
20 that this occurred, I saw her take a picture by my car,
21 and I looked at her, and then she said, "Don't worry, I'm
22 not going to post them."

23 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And then -- so I have some color
24 pictures. Is this -- this is your car from the festival?

25 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

1 MS. ROSNER: And then in the third one, I guess, is
2 that you and her in the car?

3 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

4 MS. ROSNER: Did you guys come together, then, to
5 the festival; you guys had made plans to go together?

6 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes, we went together.

7 MS. ROSNER: And with regards to the IA
8 investigation, are there -- prior to you going on
9 administrative leave, had you authored any reports?

10 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

11 MS. ROSNER: Okay. What about notes, did you have
12 any notes in the file documenting your activity on the
13 case?

14 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

15 MS. ROSNER: No? Who was going to prepare the
16 investigation report? Would that have been Hanley?

17 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did you provide him with
19 information with regards to the court hearings that he
20 missed? Like, would you update him --

21 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I'm sorry, yes.

22 MS. ROSNER: -- when you went to court hearings that
23 he wasn't at?

24 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

25 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Do you -- would you also update

1 him with regards to communications you had with Ms. [REDACTED]
2 with regards to the case?

3 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

4 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So he knew -- as far as you were
5 concerned, he knew that you were in contact with her
6 about the case?

7 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Yes.

8 MS. ROSNER: Oh, and I just wanted to show you, just
9 'cause you had mentioned it, the complaint you mentioned
10 that initiated the Internal Affairs investigation, is
11 this the complaint that you were talking about?

12 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

13 MS. ROSNER: Oh, is that -- that's your -- that's
14 yours, I think. Let's see if I have the wrong one. Oh,
15 I'm sorry, this was for -- okay. My apologies. But a
16 similar type complaint would have been generated for
17 Officer [REDACTED]

18 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: That's correct.

19 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

20 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: That's the -- the form that
21 launches the investigation.

22 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did she ever -- did Ms. [REDACTED]
23 talk to you about her relationship with Officer [REDACTED]

24 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Only -- only in terms of -- of
25 the abuse and misconduct on his part.

1 MS. ROSNER: And was she telling you that as part
2 of -- before October 25th, or was this after you -- you
3 started a personal relationship with her?

4 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: This was before October 25th. I
5 mean, Ms. Rosner, after October 25th she really didn't
6 tell me anything different than what she -- if -- if we
7 discussed it, which I can't recall, but anything
8 different that she had told us before.

9 MS. ROSNER: Did you continue to talk about the
10 administrative investigation with her after October 25th?

11 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

12 MS. ROSNER: Did you --

13 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: I'm sorry, in -- insofar as?

14 MS. ROSNER: Just talking about -- well, you said
15 you had been calling about the restraining orders, about
16 [REDACTED] about the criminal case. Did you continue to
17 talk to her about that after October 25th?

18 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Only when she had, like,
19 questions that she wanted to -- to clarify. I remember,
20 you know, it's, I'd say, a lot of process in those.

21 MS. ROSNER: Did she talk but about her criminal
22 case, or about the criminal case?

23 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: The -- she may -- she may have.
24 I think the criminal case was -- was thrown quite a --
25 quite a bit of time away, not until, like, January or

1 something.

2 MS. ROSNER: And did she, after October 25th, talk
3 to you about Officer [REDACTED] and the -- the abuse and her
4 relationship with him?

5 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: She did, but not anything
6 different than she had reported initially as far as the
7 abuse having occurred on multiple occasions and on a
8 couple of occasions having gone unreported.

9 MS. ROSNER: Did she describe those incidents to you
10 in detail?

11 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No, I -- not -- not really,
12 other than what we -- what we went on -- on the record.
13 I don't think she had any more detail.

14 MS. ROSNER: But you continued to have conversations
15 with her about -- about that after her interview?

16 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: It was probably -- if -- if we
17 did, it was probably brief, but I can't remember her
18 telling me anything different than what she had already
19 reported at the onset.

20 MS. ROSNER: Okay. After October 25th, did you give
21 her any advice with regards to [REDACTED] or her
22 criminal -- or the criminal case that was pending against
23 [REDACTED]

24 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: No.

25 MS. ROSNER: Okay. I don't think I have anything

1 further. Do you have any questions you'd like to ask?

2 MR. HADDEN: No.

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

4 MR. HADDEN: Anything you want to add?

5 MS. ROSNER: Is there anything else you'd like to
6 add, Lieutenant Mendez?

7 LIEUTENANT MENDEZ: Well, I -- I just -- I just
8 wanted to -- to add a -- a little more about what I had
9 said before about when I was placed on administrative
10 leave and it occurring around Thanksgiving, and -- and
11 I -- I felt so devastated. I -- it didn't even feel like
12 fighting this.

13 I -- I regret it. It's something that was
14 very -- you know, there's just really no -- no words to
15 describe how -- how low I feel. I think I should be
16 castigated. And, you know, definitely not something that
17 I want to continue. So --

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Thank you. Thank you for your
19 cooperation.

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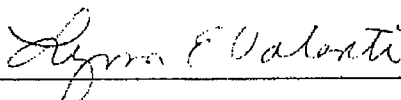
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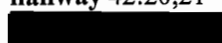
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4 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So my name is Jennifer
5 Rosner and I am conducting an Internal Affairs
6 investigation on behalf of the World Airport Police
7 Department, and I wanted to ask you some questions. This
8 is regarding potential misconduct against an officer
9 there, and I wanted to ask you some questions with
10 regards to -- well, it stems from an incident that
11 occurred September 20th, as you're probably aware, with
12 Officer [REDACTED]

13 And you're -- you're Officer [REDACTED] attorney;
14 is that correct?

15 MS. [REDACTED] Yes.

16 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And you're representing him
17 in connection with his criminal case?

18 MS. [REDACTED] Correct.

19 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

20 MS. [REDACTED] And the restraining order.

21 MS. ROSNER: And the restraining order. Okay.

22 And so there was a domestic violence incident that
23 occurred at his home September 20th and the department
24 World Airports was made aware of that. And then in terms
25 of legal proceedings, what happened after that?

1 MS. [REDACTED] I -- I -- I don't know what your
2 question is. I mean, a lot has happened. In terms of
3 legal proceedings? I don't think I'm here to talk about
4 legal proceedings.

5 MS. ROSNER: Well, in terms of the -- was the
6 first thing after that was a restraining order hearing?
7 I'm just trying to get in context in terms of timing and
8 the chronology of events.

9 MS. [REDACTED] I can't remember -- I can't
10 remember right now off the top of my head if we did -- if
11 we went to the first restraining order hearing first or
12 if I got the arraignment put on before the -- I had to
13 advance the arraignment and -- but we went to a few
14 hearings. We went to a few different hearings. The
15 restraining order and the arraignment and then pretrial.

16 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Now, my understanding was
17 that Ms. [REDACTED] got an emergency protective order very soon
18 after this happened; is that correct?

19 MS. [REDACTED] Well, I think she had a temporary
20 restraining order, which is different than an emergency
21 protective order.

22 MS. ROSNER: Okay. That's what I'm trying to --
23 because people are using different terms.

24 MS. [REDACTED] She obtained -- she obtained a PRO.

25 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

1 MS. [REDACTED] And it was set for a permanent
2 restraining order hearing, but I think the first thing we
3 did was the arraignment. I think I got the arraignment
4 advanced. I can't remember which came first.

5 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

6 MS. [REDACTED] Which hearing was first.

7 MS. ROSNER: Was Lieutenant Mendez at the
8 arraignment?

9 MS. [REDACTED] He was at -- I don't recall what
10 hearings he was at, but he was at a couple hearings. He
11 was at two different things. One was a restraining order
12 hearing, I know for sure, and I think the other one was a
13 pretrial. I don't think it was the arraignment. I think
14 he was at one of the criminal hearings and one -- and
15 then one temporary restraining order hearing.

16 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Do you know which one
17 occurred first, the restraining order hearing or the
18 pretrial?

19 MS. [REDACTED] No, I don't know which one he was
20 at.

21 MS. ROSNER: Well, do you recall when the first
22 time you met him?

23 MS. [REDACTED] A long time ago. A long time
24 before this.

25 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So you -- you've known him?

1 MS. [REDACTED] Right, I've met him at different
2 cases that I've done.

3 MS. ROSNER: Have you ever represented him?

4 MS. [REDACTED] No.

5 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And -- okay. With
6 connection with [REDACTED] when was the first time that you
7 recall seeing him?

8 MS. [REDACTED] It was at one of those -- it was at
9 Torrance Court, and it was outside the courtroom and he
10 was there with Sergeant Iraldo. And -- yeah, I just
11 can't remember which hearing it was, because they're both
12 at the same courthouse.

13 MS. ROSNER: And was he talking to Ms. [REDACTED]

14 MS. [REDACTED] I didn't see him talking to her,
15 but he did mention that he talked to her.

16 MS. ROSNER: Did he indicate --

17 MS. [REDACTED] And he had mentioned to me before
18 that when we talked on the phone about this case that he
19 was in contact with her, that he was talking to her about
20 the case and she was letting him know when [REDACTED] was
21 moving out and stuff like that.

22 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Why -- what was the purpose
23 of your phone calls with him?

24 MS. [REDACTED] To find out what was going --
25 either he called me or I called him to find out when she

1 was moving out and what was going on with the case and
2 probably questions about the admin leave or the -- you
3 know, the case as it was from the department's
4 perspective, whatever was going on with that.

5 MS. ROSNER: And he said that he had been in
6 touch with -- I guess they call her [REDACTED]

7 MS. [REDACTED] Yes. Yeah, he told me -- and that
8 was like the -- the day after -- right from the start, he
9 told me that. He told me he was in touch with her
10 because she only stayed at the house a couple days, and
11 he was telling -- he let me know when she moved out so
12 that [REDACTED] could get back in.

13 MS. ROSNER: Do you know how he had her number?

14 MS. [REDACTED] I do not.

15 MS. ROSNER: Were they -- do you know if they
16 were friends prior to this happening?

17 MS. [REDACTED] I do not know that. I know -- I
18 was told they had met at a motorcycle rally before for
19 the Tommy Scott Memorial Ride, but I don't -- I don't
20 know what their relationship was before this --

21 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And so when you talked --

22 MS. [REDACTED] -- other than that.

23 MS. ROSNER: When you talked to him on the
24 phone, what information did he convey to you?

25 MS. [REDACTED] That he had been in contact with

1 her, that she was sending him pictures from the incident,
2 that he was kind of helping her as a victim through this,
3 and just giving me information about when [REDACTED] could
4 move back into the house.

5 MS. ROSNER: Do you -- do you find it odd that
6 he was helping her?

7 MS. [REDACTED] I didn't -- well, I -- not -- a
8 little bit. Not too much. I mean, I wasn't sure. I
9 didn't read too much into it, I'll tell you that.

10 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

11 MS. [REDACTED] Not that way.

12 MS. ROSNER: And then you saw him at a hearing
13 in court?

14 MS. [REDACTED] Yes, not long after.

15 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And what was the context of
16 your meeting?

17 MS. [REDACTED] Well, I was talking to him in the
18 hallway. He didn't -- and I was talking to him about the
19 case and the administrative case, and I said, you know,
20 "I'm glad you guys are holding off because a lot of
21 information was coming to light about her and she posts a
22 lot of interesting things on Instagram and we're getting
23 all that." And so I said that stuff to him. I was just
24 kind of talking to him about the administrative case and
25 what's going on with that.

1 MS. ROSNER: What did he say?

2 MS. [REDACTED] He -- he just nodded his head and
3 said, "Uh-Huh." Interestingly enough Sergeant Iraldo got
4 us alone, had us alone at one point. I don't know, he
5 may have been talking to [REDACTED] at that time. And she
6 mentioned to [REDACTED] "Nobody is your friend. Don't trust
7 anybody here. Don't talk to anybody about this. Don't
8 assume somebody is your friend."

9 MS. ROSNER: Who said that?

10 MS. [REDACTED] Sergeant Iraldo.

11 MS. ROSNER: Oh. She said that to you?

12 MS. [REDACTED] She said that in front of me to
13 [REDACTED]

14 MS. ROSNER: Oh, okay. And what did he say? Or
15 did the conversation --

16 MS. [REDACTED] I don't -- I don't remember if he
17 said anything.

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And then other than what
19 else was said with Lieutenant Mendez and Officer [REDACTED]

20 MS. [REDACTED] Nothing. I mean, Officer [REDACTED]
21 didn't say a whole lot to Lieutenant Mendez because he
22 was under my orders not to talk about the case or
23 anything, so he was just talking about how he is and him
24 calling in and procedural stuff on the admin leave and
25 stuff like that.

1 MS. ROSNER: Now, did you see -- you mentioned
2 Ms. [REDACTED] Instagram account. Did you go on and look at
3 her Instagram account?

4 MS. [REDACTED] Yeah, and I had looked at it just
5 before court that day because I was watching it because
6 she was posting stuff and saying stuff about him being a
7 cop at LAX and posting pictures that didn't look like the
8 pictures I had seen and of allegedly her injury and
9 talking about stuff, and just kind of being a little --
10 she posts a lot of pictures.

11 MS. ROSNER: Were there any pictures of
12 Lieutenant [REDACTED] at the time that you looked?

13 MS. [REDACTED] Mendez?

14 MS. ROSNER: I'm sorry, Mendez. Mendez.

15 MS. [REDACTED] Not at that time, no.

16 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

17 MS. [REDACTED] No. And -- but I still thought --
18 I really didn't think anything. I didn't have any clue.
19 And honestly, I was too naive, I think, when I left and I
20 saw that her Instagram account was -- all the pictures
21 were deleted, and I think it was even closed -- I don't
22 think she closed it then but she said she was going to
23 close it -- make it a closed account.

24 MS. ROSNER: When do you first --

25 MS. [REDACTED] She deleted all the pictures by the

1 time we left court. By the time I got back to my car,
2 she had deleted her pictures.

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Do you know if she had
4 spoken to anyone?

5 MS. [REDACTED] I didn't see her speak to anyone,
6 but I know that Lieutenant Mendez was texting while he
7 was there. I know he was off somewhere. When I -- when
8 Sergeant Iraldo spoke with [REDACTED] and told him not to
9 trust anybody, and Mendez wasn't there. I don't know
10 where he was --

11 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

12 MS. [REDACTED] -- so it's --

13 MS. ROSNER: Did you see who he was texting?

14 MS. [REDACTED] No, uh-huh.

15 MS. ROSNER: Oh, okay. And so that was -- was
16 he making copies? Was this after the restraining order
17 hearing? Was he making copies of the paperwork? Did you
18 hand him paperwork?

19 MS. [REDACTED] He could have been. Yeah, he could
20 have been. He -- he -- I do remember at some point we
21 got the D.A.'s office to make us a copy of something, so
22 he may have been.

23 MS. ROSNER: What was the result of the
24 restraining order hearing?

25 MS. [REDACTED] We haven't held it yet.

1 MS. ROSNER: Oh, okay.

2 MS. [REDACTED] Because we're waiting for the
3 criminal case to be over.

4 MS. ROSNER: Got it. I assume she was the one
5 that applied for the restraining order?

6 MS. [REDACTED] Yes.

7 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And so what paperwork did
8 you give to Mendez?

9 MS. [REDACTED] It's -- after we continued the
10 restraining order hearing, they reissued the restraining
11 order, so it's like a reissuance paper that we get from
12 the clerk. That's probably what it was.

13 MS. ROSNER: Oh, okay. Oh, this was the
14 temporary?

15 MS. [REDACTED] Right.

16 MS. ROSNER: Got it. Did he ask you for the
17 paperwork or do you know why he was in court in the first
18 place?

19 MS. [REDACTED] Why Mendez was there?

20 MS. ROSNER: Yes.

21 MS. [REDACTED] No. I assumed it was to see what
22 happened.

23 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And then, I'm sorry, did you
24 say you did see him talk to Ms. [REDACTED] that time or you did
25 not?

1 MS. [REDACTED] I did not see -- I don't remember
2 seeing him speak to her. He may have. I -- it -- it
3 seems like he did, but I -- I can't remember so I'm not
4 going to say that he did.

5 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did -- and then when was the
6 second time that you saw him in court?

7 MS. [REDACTED] At another hearing. She was there,
8 [REDACTED] was there. He came with Handley -- Sergeant
9 Handley that time, and I already -- that was after the
10 6th Street Bridge date. We already knew about it, so I
11 was just not saying anything about it at that point.

12 MS. ROSNER: Did you talk to him?

13 MS. [REDACTED] Mm-hmm, yeah. I just acted normal.

14 MS. ROSNER: What -- and you don't recall -- or
15 was that the pretrial hearing?

16 MS. [REDACTED] Probably.

17 MS. ROSNER: And do you know why they were there
18 for that?

19 MS. [REDACTED] It may have -- just to check up on
20 what was going on.

21 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did you see him talk to
22 Ms. [REDACTED] on that date?

23 MS. [REDACTED] No, not that I recall. Nothing
24 comes to my mind.

25 MS. ROSNER: Did he talk to Officer [REDACTED] or

1 you?

2 MS. [REDACTED] Yes, he did. We were all four
3 standing there talking.

4 MS. ROSNER: What did he say? What was the
5 nature of the conversation just in general?

6 MS. [REDACTED] It was admin leave stuff,
7 interview. That was the one, I think, where they told
8 [REDACTED] he had to come in for an interview.

9 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

10 MS. [REDACTED] That they wanted to get his admin
11 interview.

12 MS. ROSNER: And with regard to the 6th Street
13 festival, when did you learn about that?

14 MS. [REDACTED] A few days after the 6th Street
15 Bridge festival, I was told there was a video that had
16 him in it and some pictures that included a car that was
17 believed to be his. So I looked, and the video was gone,
18 but the -- I had already seen the picture with the car
19 and I just didn't know it was his.

20 MS. ROSNER: This was on -- on her account or --
21 or other pictures?

22 MS. [REDACTED] It was on her account. It was on
23 her fitness -- her [REDACTED] [REDACTED] or whatever account.

24 MS. ROSNER: What was -- what did she have on
25 her account that you saw?

1 MS. [REDACTED] A picture of a bunch of classic
2 cars lined up on the 6th Street Bridge.

3 MS. ROSNER: And was she in any of the pictures?

4 MS. [REDACTED] Not in those. I got -- later I saw
5 pictures of her in them.

6 MS. ROSNER: On her account or from your -- the
7 investigator?

8 MS. [REDACTED] From my investigator.

9 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So the one --

10 MS. [REDACTED] But there were some on her account
11 that she had posted. I saw screen shots of those.

12 MS. ROSNER: Of her with the -- with the car?

13 MS. [REDACTED] Yeah, her standing next to the car
14 in a shirt that matched it, posing.

15 MS. ROSNER: In any of the pictures that you saw
16 on her Instagram account, was Lieutenant Mendez in any of
17 those pictures?

18 MS. [REDACTED] No. Just his car.

19 MS. ROSNER: Did you --

20 MS. [REDACTED] What --

21 MS. ROSNER: Yeah, go ahead. I'm sorry?

22 MS. [REDACTED] In the video that -- I didn't see
23 it on her account, but in the video, he's in it.

24 MS. ROSNER: And so you never saw it -- because
25 I know I have a screen shot of that page, but you can't

1 obviously play the video.

2 MS. [REDACTED] Right.

3 MS. ROSNER: Did you ever play the -- were you
4 ever able to play the video?

5 MS. [REDACTED] Seems like I was, like I saw it
6 once. Maybe -- I don't know if my investigator found it
7 or maybe it was still up there and I saw it before it was
8 gone and couldn't capture it.

9 MS. ROSNER: What did --

10 MS. [REDACTED] Because I did see it. Yeah, it was
11 still on her account.

12 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

13 MS. [REDACTED] (Inaudible) on her account.

14 MS. ROSNER: So since I can't view it, can you
15 describe what the video was of?

16 MS. [REDACTED] I don't remember. I don't know if
17 I was even paying attention, but she's in it and he's in
18 it, and it's -- he's in it very brief and they say
19 something and they're in his car or at his car.

20 MS. ROSNER: Well, do you remember, were they
21 seated in the car or were they just standing next to the
22 car?

23 MS. [REDACTED] I don't recall.

24 MS. ROSNER: Do you recall anything she said to
25 him?

1 MS. [REDACTED] I don't recall.

2 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Was it anything that
3 suggested more than just a professional relationship
4 because they knew each other from Officer [REDACTED]

5 MS. [REDACTED] The -- have you looked at her
6 Instagram account? The way she was posing in the picture
7 where she posed next to his car suggested more. The fact
8 that she was sitting under an easy-up next to his car --

9 MS. ROSNER: Next to a what?

10 MS. [REDACTED] Next to him -- next to his car
11 under an easy-up sitting in a chair clearly partying with
12 the group, the fact that she posted right after those
13 pictures something about moving up, like moving up from a
14 detective to a lieutenant type of thing.

15 MS. ROSNER: Was there anything that you --

16 MS. [REDACTED] And then there's a --

17 MS. ROSNER: Go ahead.

18 MS. [REDACTED] -- picture I saw of them driving
19 away with her and him in his -- in the front seat of his
20 car next to each other that somebody else posted, my
21 investigator found on the internet.

22 MS. ROSNER: Was -- I get -- and I know which
23 picture you're talking about. It was the -- from -- it
24 was the back of them, right, their heads?

25 MS. [REDACTED] Correct. Correct. But look at the

1 earrings, those are the earrings that she's wearing in
2 the other pictures.

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay. See, my pictures, actually
4 they're black and white so it's a little fuzzy. I've
5 interviewed Officer [REDACTED] and he said that I guess
6 there's color photos and it's a little bit more
7 ascertainable, so --

8 MS. [REDACTED] Yeah, I have the color photos. I
9 have those.

10 MS. ROSNER: So the ones that you have, then,
11 you can clearly make out her earrings --

12 MS. [REDACTED] Yeah.

13 MS. ROSNER: -- in the car?

14 MS. [REDACTED] Yeah.

15 MS. ROSNER: And what about him, are there any
16 identifying characteristics that you can identify that
17 it's -- it's him? Because to me it just looks like the
18 back of someone's head.

19 MS. [REDACTED] Well, it's his car and he's driving
20 it and it matches his head.

21 MS. ROSNER: Right.

22 MS. [REDACTED] Other than that, yeah, no, it could
23 be Mickey Mouse, but --

24 MS. ROSNER: Yeah.

25 MS. [REDACTED] -- I'm pretty sure it's not Mickey

1 Mouse.

2 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

3 MS. [REDACTED] She admitted -- she told the D.A.
4 that she was in a relationship with him.

5 MS. ROSNER: Yeah, and that's --

6 MS. [REDACTED] That was --

7 MS. ROSNER: Go ahead. Yeah, I --

8 MS. [REDACTED] I've got the Email. I've got an
9 Email that says that.

10 MS. ROSNER: Can you send that to me? Is that
11 something you'd be willing to send?

12 MS. [REDACTED] I have to think about that. I
13 think I can. I don't think there's an issue with that.

14 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

15 MS. [REDACTED] It's actually something I'm going
16 to use as evidence, but she -- yeah, the D.A. told me she
17 interviewed her with a victim advocate present, which
18 is -- the D.A. is an idiot -- they had no investigator,
19 so I'm going to have to call the D.A. to the stand to
20 impeach her. But they interviewed her, and she admitted
21 to having a dating relationship with Lieutenant Mendez.

22 MS. ROSNER: So the Email that the D.A. sent
23 you, it was just a summary, though, of what -- what [REDACTED]
24 told her?

25 MS. [REDACTED] Yeah, exactly, because she didn't

1 record anything. Are you kidding?

2 MS. ROSNER: Right. Well, that's -- yeah.

3 Yeah, because she can deny that now obviously.

4 MS. [REDACTED] Yeah.

5 MS. ROSNER: So the -- and so what did the Email
6 say?

7 MS. [REDACTED] It just said that -- let me see
8 if -- I can probably find it. The whole thing was weird.
9 Let's see. Okay. She said, "Telephonic conversation
10 with vic on 12/3/15 at 1:33 p.m. with Markisha Woolridge"
11 (phonetic) -- that's the victim advocate -- "present.
12 Victim stated she started dating Internal Affairs
13 Lieutenant Joaquin Mendez after the DV incident. They
14 met during Internal Affairs investigation of [REDACTED]

15 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Is it anything else or is
16 that all it says?

17 MS. [REDACTED] It says, "Defendant and Lieutenant
18 Mendez on admin leave, victim was the" -- yeah, now she's
19 saying she was beat six times in the three months they
20 lived together. That's a whole new number. And he
21 confirmed [REDACTED] and she
22 was to provide more information on 12/9/15.

23 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Is there anything else that
24 you know about the alleged relationship between Mendez
25 and [REDACTED]

1 MS. SIRODY: No, there isn't. I mean, I was --
2 listen, I would bet dinner on that he texted her in that
3 courtroom and said something about the Instagram
4 pictures, just because they disappeared. But, you know,
5 since the D.A. chose not to investigate that as a crime,
6 I don't know that we'll ever be able to prove it, but --

7 MS. ROSNER: And -- and when you saw him --
8 well, I guess you never really saw them together, right?

9 MS. [REDACTED] I saw -- I think I saw him say "hi"
10 to her at the first appearance.

11 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Was he --

12 MS. [REDACTED] She was dressed up at that first
13 appearance.

14 MS. ROSNER: In what way?

15 MS. [REDACTED] Oh, my gosh, she had on a tight
16 short blue dress, high, high heels. I have a name for
17 them, come get me pumps.

18 MS. ROSNER: Yes. I think I know what you're
19 referring to.

20 MS. [REDACTED] The makeup, just she was just
21 full -- and she usually does come fairly dressed up, but
22 the first couple of appearances she was really -- I just
23 assumed it was for [REDACTED] that she was doing that to get
24 at him, but I don't really think that so much anymore.

25 MS. ROSNER: When you saw Mendez -- I mean, I

1 guess it was very limited the context you saw him with
2 her, but, I mean, did he seem -- did he manifest any
3 behaviors or conduct that suggested he was familiar with
4 her, flirtatious, anything like that during any of your
5 conversations with him?

6 MS. [REDACTED] Nothing that I would -- I didn't
7 notice anything flirtatious. I know he was familiar with
8 her because I know he was having regular phone
9 conversations with her based on what he told me right
10 from the start, so -- but nothing that -- yeah, I mean,
11 I'm not -- I can't even be certain I saw them together.
12 I think I did, but I can't --

13 MS. ROSNER: Now, just -- I know that -- someone
14 told me that he spoke to her English. He also sometimes
15 spoke to her in Spanish. I assume -- I never met [REDACTED]
16 and she doesn't want to cooperate. I assume, does she
17 speak fluent English?

18 MS. [REDACTED] She does speak English but she --
19 she does both English and Spanish on her Instagram
20 account.

21 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

22 MS. [REDACTED] And on her interviews with the
23 police officer, she would do an English -- full on
24 English but then she'd break into Spanish with, I think,
25 one of the officers. So I couldn't tell who she was

1 talking to, but it's on the recording, so she's fluent in
2 both.

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay. But is Spanish her native
4 tongue?

5 MS. [REDACTED] I believe so. I mean, she lived in
6 [REDACTED]. Her -- her kids [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED].

8 MS. ROSNER: So you've heard her speak to the
9 officers in both English and Spanish?

10 MS. [REDACTED] Yes.

11 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So that wouldn't be unusual?

12 MS. [REDACTED] No, uh-uh.

13 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

14 MS. [REDACTED] She -- she's very fluent in
15 Spanish. She uses Spanish a lot. I would say it would
16 be her primary language based on her Instagram account
17 just because she uses it so much.

18 MS. ROSNER: The --

19 MS. [REDACTED] (Inaudible).

20 MS. ROSNER: Go ahead.

21 MS. [REDACTED] Have you looked at her Instagram?
22 Have you looked at them?

23 MS. ROSNER: I can't get on.

24 MS. [REDACTED] Oh, you know her other -- her
25 private one was public again the other day and then her

1 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] have you seen that one? She posts up on
2 there, too.

3 MS. ROSNER: No, because I just searched her
4 name.

5 MS. [REDACTED] Okay.

6 MS. ROSNER: What --

7 MS. [REDACTED] Let me see if it's private or
8 public right now, because she was -- she's been making it
9 public, her personal one. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Yeah,
10 it's open again right now.

11 MS. ROSNER: What is the -- what's her Instagram
12 name?

13 MS. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
14 She deleted all that old stuff, it's gone, but there's
15 still plenty.

16 MS. ROSNER: Other than the car show or the 6th
17 Street festival, did you see in her Instagram account
18 pictures -- any other pictures where Lieutenant [REDACTED] was
19 featured?

20 MS. [REDACTED] Mendez?

21 MS. ROSNER: Mendez, sorry.

22 MS. [REDACTED] No, I did not. I did not.

23 MS. ROSNER: Okay. I think I see her account.

24 MS. [REDACTED] And then I'll tell you her fitness
25 one, too, so you can kind of -- you'll see a pattern.

1 MS. ROSNER: Got it.

2 MS. [REDACTED] Yeah, a lot of the stuff that was
3 on there, she deleted, but on the other one is [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED] so [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with [REDACTED]
5 [REDACTED].

6 MS. ROSNER: [REDACTED]

7 MS. [REDACTED] Yes.

8 MS. ROSNER: [REDACTED] Okay. Is the one I'm on
9 right now, is that her private one?

10 MS. [REDACTED] That's her personal one, and she'll
11 make it -- that's the one that had the stuff on it and
12 then she deleted it and made it private.

13 MS. ROSNER: Is this the one that the 6th Street
14 festival was on?

15 MS. [REDACTED] Yes.

16 MS. ROSNER: And also the ones that were -- you
17 said were deleted after the court hearing?

18 MS. [REDACTED] Correct.

19 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

20 MS. [REDACTED] There was a lot -- I actually have
21 some screen shots and stuff that was deleted.

22 MS. ROSNER: Do you know why she had deleted it,
23 the ones from the court hearing of her -- I guess she was
24 just posting about the case?

25 MS. [REDACTED] Yeah, she's posting about the case

1 and pictures and stuff and talking about it and talking
2 about boyfriends and moving up and -- I mean, she's got
3 one thing on here, like, "Lady, you're going to show him
4 a good night. Handcuff him, spank his ass." I mean,
5 just for the domestic violence perspective, something was
6 just really going to be useful.

7 MS. ROSNER: Right. Got it. Now, the "moving
8 up" comment, was that done before the 6th Street festival
9 or was that after when the pictures of his car were on
10 there -- of Mendez's car?

11 MS. [REDACTED] It was after, and I'm pretty sure I
12 have pictures of them -- pictures of it. I'll have to
13 look on my computer, but I think I screen shotted that,
14 and I think I sent that -- yeah, I think -- I think that
15 was something that I had that my investigator has in his
16 report, so I'll look.

17 MS. ROSNER: And -- okay. So then you -- you
18 complained to the Chief?

19 MS. [REDACTED] Well, I talked to the Chief,
20 because -- right. I complained and just said -- I was
21 asking him not to go forward on [REDACTED] admin case
22 because this was something that was helping delay the
23 criminal case getting done, and I didn't -- I didn't want
24 to create more problems -- I mean, it's just going to
25 create problems for the Chief, so -- as well, I mean,

1 obviously the department.

2 MS. ROSNER: Was this conversation in person or
3 on the phone?

4 MS. [REDACTED] In person.

5 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And who was at that meeting?

6 MS. [REDACTED] Me and the Chief and Marshall.

7 MS. ROSNER: And what was discussed during that
8 meeting?

9 MS. [REDACTED] Showed him the pictures, told him I
10 believed they were in a relationship, that I knew he
11 would think it was as appropriate as we did and that
12 there was some -- and that he's, you know, doing --
13 trying to set an interview for an admin case on [REDACTED]
14 when he's apparently in a relationship with the alleged
15 victim.

16 MS. ROSNER: Did anything else -- anything -- or
17 what did the Chief say?

18 MS. [REDACTED] He turned red. He -- he just said
19 he was going to look into it.

20 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did you --

21 MS. [REDACTED] He was --

22 MS. ROSNER: Yeah.

23 MS. [REDACTED] He was very appropriate, very
24 interested, and obviously wanted to investigate it.

25 MS. ROSNER: The video, did it -- do you recall

1 whether she said anything like, "Give me a kiss" or
2 something like that towards -- was there any, like,
3 suggestive, even if you can't remember exactly, language
4 from her towards Mendez?

5 MS. [REDACTED] You know, I saw it one time. I
6 wish I knew. I wish I would have noted or taken note or
7 videoed the video or -- I wonder if -- it's like he was
8 picking her up or something.

9 MS. ROSNER: At the festival?

10 MS. [REDACTED] Like he was picking -- physically
11 picking her up.

12 MS. ROSNER: On the video?

13 MS. [REDACTED] Yeah. I -- either twirling her or
14 picking her up. That's kind of what's sticking in my
15 mind. I don't -- and I can't remember -- it was
16 something like that. Because their bodies were moving
17 and distorting.

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Now, is the -- the
19 administrative investigation against Officer [REDACTED] I
20 know he's still on admin leave, has that been completed?

21 MS. [REDACTED] No.

22 MS. ROSNER: Is it --

23 MS. [REDACTED] I mean, they did -- they did an
24 interview, and I was present for it, even though I'm not
25 representing him.

1 MS. ROSNER: Right. Okay. Now, when you saw
2 Lieutenant Mendez at that second hearing with Sergeant
3 Handley, did you have any conversations with Sergeant
4 Handley?

5 MS. [REDACTED] I did, about -- about the
6 administrative interview.

7 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did you ever talk to
8 Sergeant Handley? Because at this point it was after the
9 pictures. Did you talk to him about the fact that you
10 had seen these pictures?

11 MS. [REDACTED] No, because Mendez was standing
12 right there.

13 MS. ROSNER: Other than your client, Officer
14 [REDACTED] did you talk to anyone else, other than your
15 investigator, from the department, I should say, about
16 the pictures that you saw?

17 MS. [REDACTED] No. Nope. Not a soul.

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And the pictures that you
19 showed to Chief Gannon, were those the pictures from the
20 6th Street festival?

21 MS. [REDACTED] Yes.

22 MS. ROSNER: Okay. I don't think I have
23 anything further. Did you have any other contact with
24 Lieutenant Mendez with regards to Officer [REDACTED] case?

25 MS. [REDACTED] Not that I -- not -- I mean, we had

1 a few phone calls at the beginning, but nothing else. I
2 mean, nothing remarkable.

3 MS. ROSNER: Do you know what his role is with
4 regards to Officer [REDACTED] administrative
5 investigation?

6 MS. [REDACTED] Well, now it's nothing.

7 MS. ROSNER: Well --

8 MS. SIRODY: (Inaudible.)

9 MS. ROSNER: Well, yeah, he's on -- but
10 before --

11 MS. [REDACTED] He was a lieutenant over Internal
12 Affairs, so they helped review the facts. Sometimes they
13 write a recommendation or a report on it. They're
14 involved in the decision-making meetings and the decision
15 making, so --

16 MS. ROSNER: And you know this how?

17 MS. [REDACTED] From doing cases, and I've done
18 cases with him being involved in the decision making in
19 other cases.

20 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Do you know, he wasn't the
21 investigating officer, though, right? Was that one of
22 the sergeants?

23 MS. [REDACTED] Right. Typically the sergeants do
24 the interviews but the lieutenant is involved and then
25 they get it next up the chain, they help review it and

1 they sit in on a Skelly hearing maybe. Depending on what
2 the discipline is, they participate in the
3 decision-making meetings.

4 MS. ROSNER: Have you handled any other cases
5 that involve domestic violence concerning an officer?

6 MS. [REDACTED] Yes.

7 MS. ROSNER: And in those cases, did someone
8 from the department come to either restraining order
9 hearings or pretrial hearings or any court hearings?

10 MS. [REDACTED] Never.

11 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did you find it odd that he
12 came to those hearings, Lieutenant Mendez?

13 MS. [REDACTED] You know, I -- I -- now it's really
14 easy to say "yes." Does that make sense?

15 MS. ROSNER: Yes.

16 MS. [REDACTED] I had one Friday for a different
17 department that I believe the captain is coming because
18 this guy is getting railroaded and everybody knows it and
19 this chick is crazy that filed it. So I think it's for a
20 different reason, but nothing out of the realm of
21 possibility because all departments do things different.

22 MS. ROSNER: Have you ever handled -- have you
23 ever handled another domestic violence case concerning an
24 officer with regards to Airport -- the Los Angeles World
25 Airport Police Department?

1 MS. [REDACTED] Yeah, no, I don't think I've had
2 any court hearings that I've gone to for any officers on
3 anything like that and so I couldn't say if they did show
4 up or didn't.

5 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

6 MS. [REDACTED] And I think I didn't think as much
7 of it because the sergeant was there as well.

8 MS. ROSNER: Right. Okay.

9 MS. [REDACTED] I actually think it's weirder that
10 the lieutenant goes.

11 MS. ROSNER: Right.

12 MS. [REDACTED] Does that make sense?

13 MS. ROSNER: Yes. Yeah, because of the rank.

14 MS. [REDACTED] A sergeant being there. A
15 lieutenant doesn't have an investigative role, so it's a
16 little surprising, but then also some chiefs want
17 somebody else to know what's going on, so --

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So you've never -- just in
19 terms of past practice, you've never handled -- well, in
20 terms of any other domestic violence cases involving a
21 Los Angeles World Airport Police officer, you haven't had
22 any -- there haven't been any court hearings that you've
23 attended; is that -- with regards to your representation
24 of that officer; would that be accurate?

25 MS. [REDACTED] Yes.

1 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So this is the first one
2 where you've appeared in court for -- on behalf of the
3 officer for a domestic violence type situation?

4 MS. [REDACTED] Correct. For -- for LAX, yes.

5 MS. ROSNER: For LAX.

6 MS. [REDACTED] Yes.

7 MS. ROSNER: Okay. All right. I think that's
8 it. Is there anything else that you have to add with
9 regards to Lieutenant Mendez and any purported
10 relationship with Ms. [REDACTED]

11 MS. [REDACTED] No.

12 MS. ROSNER: Okay. All right. I appreciate
13 your help. If you -- I think it's public, but I
14 definitely understand if you need to look into it, but if
15 you could send me the copy of the Email, I would
16 appreciate it --

17 MS. [REDACTED] I would.

18 MS. ROSNER: -- if that's something you can --

19 MS. [REDACTED] If you -- are you copied on the
20 Emails with Hope?

21 MS. ROSNER: Yeah, I have your Email and all
22 your info.

23 MS. [REDACTED] Why don't you Email me and just to
24 make sure that it comes, and then I'll reply and send you
25 that Email.

1 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Now, with regards to --
2 yeah, go ahead.

3 MS. [REDACTED] I'm going to cut out the bottom
4 part where I wrote. She was responding to an Email that
5 I wrote to her.

6 MS. ROSNER: Oh, okay. Yeah, that's fine. I
7 just -- I just need the part where she represents that
8 she was in a relationship with Lieutenant Mendez.

9 MS. [REDACTED] Okay.

10 MS. ROSNER: And then the video that I have a
11 screen shot of, were you able -- I assume you weren't
12 able to retrieve it or did you -- did you even try to
13 retrieve it? I'm just wondering if there's a point in
14 trying to get, like, some type of forensic to do -- to
15 try to do retrieval. Have you tried to do --

16 MS. [REDACTED] I think it would require either a
17 search warrant or a subpoena.

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

19 MS. [REDACTED] And it's my understanding -- I'm
20 not sure if Instagram has -- and I went -- the D.A.'s
21 office was initially investigating it and I thought they
22 were going to do a search warrant, but they dropped the
23 ball, so --

24 MS. ROSNER: What was the D.A. looking at
25 potentially?

1 MS. [REDACTED] Attempt to -- destruction of
2 evidence.

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And they decided either,
4 what, not to bring charges or not to investigate?

5 MS. [REDACTED] Not to investigate.

6 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Got it.

7 MS. [REDACTED] Is what I was told, because she
8 didn't cooperate.

9 MS. ROSNER: And then --

10 MS. [REDACTED] So --

11 MS. ROSNER: Does he have a trial date for the
12 criminal?

13 MS. [REDACTED] Yeah, I think we're starting trial
14 in about -- we're starting trial pretty soon. Not next
15 week but the week after.

16 MS. ROSNER: And is she expected to testify?

17 MS. [REDACTED] Yeah, she'll be testifying. I'm
18 going to subpoena him, too, Mendez.

19 MS. ROSNER: Oh, okay. Do you know, because I'm
20 wondering, you know, the department doesn't want to drag
21 the admin case, but if the trial is soon, I want to take
22 that into consideration. Do you know when the -- when
23 the date is? You said it's the next couple of weeks, the
24 trial?

25 MS. [REDACTED] Yeah, I'm looking right now to see.

1 Yeah, next week I have a conference and I think it's --
2 so we go back March 7th and we'll probably start picking
3 a jury that day or the next day, within a couple --
4 that's eight of ten, last day, so -- and the joy of tort
5 court is we'll probably only be doing our trial in the
6 afternoon, so it could take us up to ten days.

7 MS. ROSNER: Oh, so you anticipate a ten-day
8 trial on this?

9 MS. [REDACTED] Right, because we only have
10 afternoon court available apparently. They don't do full
11 day trials.

12 MS. ROSNER: Wow. Okay.

13 MS. [REDACTED] Right. Right.

14 MS. ROSNER: And I know trials can -- ten days
15 can be three weeks, a month.

16 MS. [REDACTED] Right. Well, I estimated about
17 five days for the whole trial. With DV cases, the
18 people's case is usually pretty quick. We actually have
19 a lot of evidence on the defense this time, but with it
20 being a half day, it's going to be longer. And then jury
21 selection is going to take ridiculously long because it
22 goes so long. Does that make sense? So --

23 MS. ROSNER: Yes, absolutely.

24 MS. [REDACTED] -- it just complicates everything,
25 so --

1 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

2 MS. [REDACTED] Yeah. But hopefully by the end of
3 March we'll be finished.

4 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So that -- so you estimate,
5 and I know -- I know trials are never on schedule, but
6 you estimate that this should be done by the -- the
7 trial, at least, by the end of March?

8 MS. [REDACTED] Yes.

9 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And are you definitely
10 calling -- well, I assume she's going to testify -- well,
11 I shouldn't assume. Do you know if she's going to
12 testify on behalf of the people?

13 MS. [REDACTED] If she doesn't, they're going to
14 have to dismiss the case.

15 MS. ROSNER: Okay. All right. And -- and you
16 said you're subpoenaing Mendez, right?

17 MS. [REDACTED] Yes.

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Okay. I think that's it.
19 So I have your Email, so I will Email you, and I might
20 Email you and just pop in to check on the status of
21 trial, because obviously --

22 MS. [REDACTED] Okay.

23 MS. ROSNER: -- if she testifies or Mendez
24 testifies, that would be of interest to me.

25 MS. [REDACTED] I think so, too. Yeah, and I'll be

1 asking her questions about him, so --

2 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Perfect.

3 MS. [REDACTED] Okay.

4 MS. ROSNER: Thank you very much. I really
5 appreciate it.

6 MS. [REDACTED] Thank you.

7 MS. ROSNER: Bye.

8 MS. [REDACTED] Bye.

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5 MS. ROSNER: So today -- this is a digitally
6 recorded interview for IA Case 15-099. Today's date is
7 February 16, 2016, and the time is 2:09.

8 SERGEANT HANDLEY: My name is Sergeant William
9 Handley of the Airport Police. I'm going to do a joint
10 advisement for Officer McClain and Officer [REDACTED] in
11 this case. It's being conducted by an outside attorney.

12 Ma'am, could you state your name?

13 MS. ROSNER: Jennifer Rosner.

14 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Both officers have their
15 attorney, Mr. --

16 MR. BAKHIT: John Bakhit with the Mastagni
17 Holstedt Law Firm.

18 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Okay. Officer McClain and
19 Officer [REDACTED] as a representative of the Chief of the
20 Airport Police, I'm going to order both to answer all
21 questions related to this investigation. If you refuse
22 to answer any questions, your silence may be deemed as
23 insubordination and may result in administrative
24 discipline.

25 I'm ordering you to answer any and all questions

1 related to this investigation truthfully. Make any false
2 or misleading statements, it's misconduct and may result
3 in administrative discipline.

4 Both of you can read these sentences aloud
5 individually on tape. Officer McClain.

6 OFFICER McCLAIN: I understand my administrative
7 orders as read to me. I agree to answer questions
8 related to this investigation voluntarily under threat of
9 discipline by refusal to do so.

10 MR. BAKHIT: So cross out "voluntarily."

11 OFFICER McCLAIN: Right.

12 MR. BAKHIT: There you go.

13 OFFICER [REDACTED] Me too?

14 MR. BAKHIT: Yes.

15 SERGEANT HANDLEY: If you could just read those
16 out loud, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

17 OFFICER [REDACTED] Oh, I understand my
18 administrative order as read to me. I agree to answer
19 questions related to this investigation under the threat
20 of discipline by my refusal to do so.

21 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Okay. Thank you, sir.

22 OFFICER McCLAIN: Can I use the rest room real
23 quick?

24 MS. ROSNER: Absolutely.

25 OFFICER McCLAIN: Which way is it?

1 SERGEANT HANDLEY: We can go off record now.

2 Both of the officers have signed and dated the
3 administrative orders.

4 (There was a pause in the recording.)

5 MS. ROSNER: All right. Good afternoon. I'll
6 introduce myself for the record again. This is Jennifer
7 Rosner. I will be conducting the interview on behalf of
8 the Los Angeles Airport World Airport. The nature of
9 this interview is an allegation of misconduct against an
10 Airport Police officer. And present in this conference
11 room is, and I'll let --

12 MR. BAKHIT: Sure.

13 MS. ROSNER: -- the individuals introduce
14 themselves.

15 MR. BAKHIT: John Bakhit with the Mastagni
16 Holstedt Law Firm on behalf of my client, Marshall
17 McClain.

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And can you just spell your
19 name, please.

20 OFFICER McCLAIN: Marshall McClain,
21 M-c-C-l-a-i-n.

22 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And you're employed with the
23 Airport Police?

24 OFFICER McCLAIN: I am.

25 MS. ROSNER: And what is your current rank and

1 title?

2 OFFICER McCLAIN: Senior Lead Officer.

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And you are also -- are you
4 currently the POA president?

5 OFFICER McCLAIN: I am.

6 MS. ROSNER: How long have you served as the POA
7 president?

8 OFFICER McCLAIN: Seven years.

9 MS. ROSNER: And how long have you been with the
10 Airport Police Department?

11 OFFICER McCLAIN: 10 years. Oh, wait, sorry, 13
12 years.

13 MS. ROSNER: And how long have you served as a
14 police officer?

15 OFFICER McCLAIN: 18 years.

16 MS. ROSNER: Where were you before?

17 OFFICER McCLAIN: Burbank.

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Were you involved in either
19 the criminal or administrative affairs investigation
20 against Officer [REDACTED]

21 OFFICER McCLAIN: No.

22 MS. ROSNER: At some point did you become aware
23 of an investigation against Officer [REDACTED] involving an
24 incident that occurred on September 20th, 2015?

25 OFFICER McCLAIN: I did.

1 MS. ROSNER: When did you become aware of that?

2 OFFICER McCLAIN: It was -- wait, what year did
3 you say? '15?

4 MS. ROSNER: Yes.

5 OFFICER McCLAIN: So it would have been around
6 September -- after the 21st, because I remember because
7 it was around [REDACTED]

8 MS. ROSNER: And what did you become aware of?

9 OFFICER McCLAIN: That there was an (Inaudible)
10 being the fact that I'm the union president and he needed
11 a representative to rep him is how I became aware of it.

12 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Were you present at his
13 interviews?

14 OFFICER McCLAIN: No.

15 MS. ROSNER: Do you know who was assigned to the
16 administrative investigation?

17 OFFICER McCLAIN: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

18 MS. ROSNER: Oh, as -- you mean as Officer
19 [REDACTED] attorney?

20 OFFICER McCLAIN: Yes.

21 MS. ROSNER: I meant who was -- who was
22 responsible for conducting it on behalf of Airport
23 Police?

24 OFFICER McCLAIN: I believe it was Lieutenant
25 Mendez.

1 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did he ever discuss the case
2 with you?

3 OFFICER McCLAIN: He did not.

4 MS. ROSNER: Other than being approached --
5 well, when you were approached by Officer [REDACTED] for
6 representation, is that the first time you became aware
7 of the incident that occurred on September 20th?

8 OFFICER McCLAIN: Yeah, it wasn't approached.
9 It would just be a phone call saying, "Hey, I got an
10 incident. I need a rep."

11 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did you talk to anyone else
12 about the incident other than Officer [REDACTED]

13 OFFICER McCLAIN: I don't think so. If anyone,
14 it would have been my vice-president, just letting him
15 know that there was a new case.

16 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did you attend a meeting
17 with the Chief with regards to potential -- a potential
18 relationship between Mendez and the victim of that
19 incident, I think it's [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

20 OFFICER McCLAIN: I'm not sure of her name, but
21 I did.

22 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And what led you to be
23 present at that meeting?

24 OFFICER McCLAIN: His attorney, [REDACTED]
25 attorney at the time, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] made me aware of it

1 that there was an investigation going on that she had a
2 private investigator looking into.

3 MS. ROSNER: An investigation, meaning the
4 administrative investigation or another investigation?

5 OFFICER McCLAIN: No, she had a private
6 investigator looking into some allegations about a
7 relationship or inappropriate relationship between
8 Lieutenant Mendez and the, I guess, alleged victim in the
9 domestic violence situation.

10 MS. ROSNER: Okay. When did you have this
11 conversation with her?

12 OFFICER McCLAIN: It would have been just prior
13 to her setting up the meeting with Chief Gannon.

14 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And why did she call you?

15 OFFICER McCLAIN: To be aware of it because of
16 the whole union connection. She wouldn't even give me
17 the details until we actually met with the Chief. She
18 just said that there was some things that have come to
19 light that you need to be aware of. Was it PIT? What's
20 the D.A.'s unit? Is it PIT?

21 MR. BAKHIT: I'm not sure.

22 OFFICER McCLAIN: Where Jason is. One of the
23 investigative units from the district attorney's office
24 that investigates police misconduct. She said they had
25 already been made aware of it, "You should be aware of

1 it, but I won't go into details until we actually meet
2 with the Chief."

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So -- so then you met with
4 the Chief, right?

5 OFFICER McCLAIN: Mm-hmm.

6 MS. ROSNER: So prior to that time, all you
7 were -- your involvement was just securing representation
8 for Officer [REDACTED] and then this one conversation with
9 the attorney -- [REDACTED] attorney?

10 OFFICER McCLAIN: Correct.

11 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And then do you know when
12 the meeting occurred with Chief Gannon?

13 OFFICER McCLAIN: I'd have to look at my
14 calendar, but I'm not sure what dates right now.

15 MS. ROSNER: Now, there was a restraining order
16 issued against Officer [REDACTED] right?

17 OFFICER McCLAIN: I'm not aware of that.

18 MS. ROSNER: Oh, you weren't involved in those
19 proceedings? Okay.

20 Okay. So then you met with Chief Gannon, and
21 who else was there -- bless you -- who else was there?

22 OFFICER McCLAIN: Just myself, Chief Gannon and
23 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

24 MS. ROSNER: And what occurred at that meeting?

25 OFFICER McCLAIN: She made him aware of the

1 ongoing investigation at the D.A.'s level and she
2 produced pictures. There were actually screen shots of
3 social -- excuse me, social media pictures of Lieutenant
4 Mendez's vehicle, the female -- what's her name?

5 MS. ROSNER: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

6 OFFICER McCLAIN: [REDACTED] Okay. [REDACTED]

7 MS. ROSNER: Does that sound familiar? I don't
8 know if she goes by another name.

9 OFFICER McCLAIN: [REDACTED] or something.

10 MS. ROSNER: [REDACTED] Yeah, I read that in the
11 transcript.

12 OFFICER McCLAIN: Okay. So of her screen shot
13 on Instagram. I don't know if it was Facebook as well.
14 I know Instagram was one of them, and there were various
15 pictures of her posing near Lieutenant Mendez's vehicle
16 with the license plate showing that it was indeed his
17 vehicle, showing him -- him and her inside the vehicle
18 together driving away. I remember it was an event at the
19 6th Street Bridge, because they were having a festival
20 about tearing down the bridge.

21 MS. ROSNER: Did you go to that festival?

22 OFFICER McCLAIN: No, I didn't. I was supposed
23 to, but I didn't.

24 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

25 OFFICER McCLAIN: I'm actually glad I didn't

1 now.

2 MS. ROSNER: Did you ever review her social
3 media accounts -- [REDACTED] social media account?

4 OFFICER McCLAIN: When she -- when [REDACTED] had
5 told me about it, I went on and looked to see what --
6 what I could find and I couldn't find any of those
7 pictures, and that was, I think, part of the issue, that
8 they were being taken down now so they were trying to
9 capture all those before they were removed.

10 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And did you ever talk to
11 Lieutenant Mendez about the allegation?

12 OFFICER McCLAIN: No.

13 MS. ROSNER: Did you have any conversations with
14 him at all about any potential relationship that he had
15 with [REDACTED]

16 OFFICER McCLAIN: Not at all.

17 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And how long was the meeting
18 with Chief Gannon?

19 OFFICER McCLAIN: Less than 30 minutes.

20 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Let me show you the pictures
21 I have, and tell me if those are the ones that you saw.

22 OFFICER McCLAIN: The car ones look familiar.
23 These other ones, I don't remember those.

24 MS. ROSNER: Which car?

25 OFFICER McCLAIN: The pictures of the cars.

1 MS. ROSNER: Oh, okay.

2 OFFICER McCLAIN: The classic car, I remember

3 those, but I don't remember these pictures.

4 MS. ROSNER: Do you know who the car belongs to?

5 OFFICER McCLAIN: I believe that was the car

6 they were saying Lieutenant Mendez's car.

7 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And is that -- have you ever

8 met [REDACTED]

9 OFFICER McCLAIN: I have not.

10 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

11 OFFICER [REDACTED] Actually, I may have at one of

12 our Christmas functions, but I -- outside of that, I

13 don't know.

14 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

15 OFFICER McCLAIN: I couldn't be certain.

16 MS. ROSNER: Did you ever socialize with Officer

17 [REDACTED] outside of work?

18 OFFICER McCLAIN: No.

19 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And then did -- [REDACTED] the

20 attorney, did she identify this as Ms. [REDACTED] as [REDACTED]

21 OFFICER McCLAIN: I believe so, yes.

22 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And this is -- have you ever

23 seen Lieutenant Mendez's car?

24 OFFICER McCLAIN: I think so. We had a car show

25 this past year and we had a lot of classic cars there,

1 and I know Lieutenant Mendez was there and I believe his
2 car was there, too. And we took various shots, pictures,
3 so when it came up about his classic car, it was -- it
4 was memorable. It's bright red. It's a nice car.

5 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And is that a picture of his
6 car, too, on the second page?

7 OFFICER McCLAIN: That's -- yes, I believe so.

8 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

9 OFFICER McCLAIN: Yes.

10 MS. ROSNER: That's the picture you saw?

11 OFFICER McCLAIN: Yes.

12 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And that's also the same
13 car?

14 OFFICER McCLAIN: Correct. And then this one of
15 them driving away (Inaudible).

16 MS. ROSNER: Let me see. So can you tell from
17 this who's in the car? Okay. Did the attorney represent
18 that that was [REDACTED] and Lieutenant Mendez?

19 OFFICER McCLAIN: She did.

20 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did she indicate how she
21 could tell who it was?

22 OFFICER McCLAIN: No.

23 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And you don't recognize just
24 from looking at the photo who is in the photo?

25 OFFICER McCLAIN: Well, from -- from -- I mean,

1 the picture was a little bit brighter, and it did -- it
2 does look like the back of his head, but --

3 MS. ROSNER: Of Lieutenant Mendez?

4 OFFICER McCLAIN: Correct. But I don't -- I
5 don't know her enough to say that that's definitely her
6 or not is what I'm saying.

7 MS. ROSNER: Okay. But that looks like the back
8 of Lieutenant Mendez?

9 OFFICER McCLAIN: Correct.

10 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

11 OFFICER McCLAIN: (Inaudible).

12 MS. ROSNER: Did you see those pictures when you
13 went onto Ms. [REDACTED] Instagram or Facebook account?

14 OFFICER McCLAIN: I did not.

15 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

16 OFFICER McCLAIN: She, I guess, has several
17 accounts, and the one that I believe [REDACTED] or the
18 attorney said was -- those pictures were on is blocked,
19 so I don't -- I'm not her friend so I can't have access
20 to her photos.

21 MS. ROSNER: Okay. What is the 6th Street
22 Bridge fest -- festival, what is that?

23 OFFICER McCLAIN: They were having a festival
24 commemorating the 6th Street Bridge and what it's been to
25 the city of L.A. and that they were going to be tearing

1 it down. They actually just I think tore a portion or
2 all of it down just this past -- this past weekend.
3 Right around Super Bowl Sunday, so they demolished it and
4 they're planning on building a new bridge.

5 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

6 OFFICER McCLAIN: But it's a famous bridge.
7 It's been in Grease and a bunch of other movies.

8 MS. ROSNER: Got it. So it wasn't related to a
9 car show or anything like that?

10 OFFICER McCLAIN: No, but a lot of classic car
11 enthusiasts showed up, and I think some of it had to do
12 with Grease and that whole genre, so --

13 MS. ROSNER: Okay. What's the relationship
14 between the cars and the bridge?

15 OFFICER McCLAIN: I -- like I said, I think it's
16 just about how Grease, that time period in the movie
17 Grease, and they -- they did a drag strip race in the
18 movie and 6th Street Bridge is in the background.

19 MS. ROSNER: Oh, okay. Got it. Have you ever
20 heard anyone say that Lieutenant Mendez has more than a
21 professional relationship with Ms. [REDACTED]

22 OFFICER McCLAIN: I have.

23 MS. ROSNER: And who have you heard that from?

24 OFFICER McCLAIN: Kind of water cooler talk, I
25 would say.

1 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

2 OFFICER McCLAIN: Because it's not the first
3 time something like this has come up about Lieutenant
4 Mendez.

5 MS. ROSNER: In what regard?

6 OFFICER McCLAIN: Other officers' significant
7 others that were under investigation that Lieutenant
8 Mendez had a relationship with.

9 MS. ROSNER: What other investigations were
10 there -- was there water cooler talk that he had a
11 relationship with?

12 OFFICER McCLAIN: Well, one specifically I -- I
13 would say was an Officer [REDACTED] and his ex-wife.

14 MS. ROSNER: [REDACTED] how do you spell his last name?

15 OFFICER McCLAIN: [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]
16 [REDACTED]

17 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And there was talk that
18 Mendez had a relationship with his ex-wife?

19 OFFICER McCLAIN: Correct.

20 MS. ROSNER: Was that pursuant to some
21 investigation?

22 OFFICER McCLAIN: Correct.

23 MS. ROSNER: What was -- do you know what the
24 nature of the investigation was?

25 OFFICER McCLAIN: Similar to this one. It was a

1 domestic incident, and from -- I -- I -- I wasn't
2 intimately involved in that investigation, but I
3 remember, because I consider [REDACTED] a friend, and it came up
4 when he -- [REDACTED] actually sued the department over
5 discrimination. He didn't -- he wasn't successful
6 getting his job back, but it did come out.

7 I think it's pretty much common knowledge that
8 Lieutenant Mendez has done this. If you have -- if you
9 talk to anyone who has been with the department more than
10 10 years, it's pretty common that -- that he has done
11 this sort of thing.

12 MS. ROSNER: How long ago was this Officer
13 [REDACTED] incident?

14 OFFICER McCLAIN: Best guess, somewhere around
15 '05, '07, somewhere there. It was before he was a
16 lieutenant. I think he was a sergeant in IA at the time.

17 MS. ROSNER: Is he still with the department?

18 OFFICER McCLAIN: He is not.

19 MS. ROSNER: Did he retire?

20 OFFICER McCLAIN: No. He was terminated over
21 the investigation.

22 MS. ROSNER: Were you the POA president at the
23 time?

24 OFFICER McCLAIN: At that time, I was on the
25 board but I wasn't the president.

1 MS. ROSNER: Do you know whether he made an
2 allegation regarding the relationship of Lieutenant
3 Mendez and his ex-wife at the time?

4 OFFICER McCLAIN: I don't know if it came up
5 during the investigation, but it came up during his
6 lawsuit and about Lieutenant Mendez's [REDACTED]
7 came up. And that -- that lawsuit occurred, I want to
8 say, after '09 or somewhere in there, because I was -- I
9 believe I was the president at the time of that lawsuit.

10 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Was Lieutenant Mendez at the
11 time involved in his investigation?

12 OFFICER McCLAIN: He was.

13 MS. ROSNER: In what capacity?

14 OFFICER McCLAIN: I believe he was the sergeant
15 that was assigned to that investigation.

16 MS. ROSNER: Do you know what came out of his
17 complaint about Mendez and his ex-wife?

18 OFFICER McCLAIN: I --

19 MS. ROSNER: Let me ask you first of all, do you
20 know whether the department did an investigation into
21 that?

22 OFFICER McCLAIN: I don't know.

23 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Do you know, was there any
24 resolution to that allegation?

25 OFFICER McCLAIN: Not that I'm aware of.

1 MS. ROSNER: Are you aware of any other
2 instances where this has occurred, other than this one?

3 OFFICER McCLAIN: I have heard of others, but I
4 don't know the details. I -- I typically purposely try
5 not to be involved in the investigations to -- to not
6 muddy up any things or -- I can tell you the way our
7 board used to be, they would marry which -- which --
8 which members would get which attorneys based on the --
9 the case, and so to keep impartiality, I try not to hear
10 anything. Plus I don't want to be compelled to -- to
11 speak against a member, so the only reason I am aware of
12 the intimacy of [REDACTED] issue is because when the lawsuit
13 came out, he told me different things, and when this
14 incident came up about [REDACTED] he's like, "It's not the
15 first time this has happened."

16 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So you still talk to [REDACTED]

17 OFFICER McCLAIN: On occasion. Not -- not often
18 because he's no longer -- I mean, during that time, he
19 was still trying to get his job back, so we would talk
20 more frequently, but I haven't spoken to him in months.

21 MS. ROSNER: Do you know when he was terminated?

22 OFFICER McCLAIN: Best guess would be around
23 '07.

24 MS. ROSNER: Oh, so this is a while ago?

25 OFFICER McCLAIN: Yeah.

1 MS. ROSNER: Okay. But you talked to him about
2 the Mendez situation and Officer [REDACTED] recently?

3 OFFICER McCLAIN: Yeah, because when the -- the
4 lawsuit happened, it was a joint complaint. It was
5 actually three officers involved. It was -- and actually
6 it might have been sergeants, but it was three
7 individuals from Airport Police involved and it was about
8 reverse discrimination and it came up about Lieutenant
9 Mendez, [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED] And so they had a [REDACTED] -- [REDACTED] --
11 [REDACTED], and as a result of that, an IA was
12 launched by Lieutenant Mendez on me because he believed
13 or he alleged that I was spreading rumors about him.

14 He and I never spoke about it. The IA was
15 unfounded, but it came up. And even talking to the IA
16 investigators, I said, "This is common knowledge. People
17 know about -- [REDACTED], and why
18 would you think that I'd be spreading this rumor?" Well,
19 because this came out. So Lieutenant Mendez heard, I
20 guess, I don't know, third or fourth party hearsay that I
21 had started this rumor. We put that to rest and it was
22 just one of those things (Inaudible) and that was the
23 extent of it. And that lawsuit happened, I want to say,
24 about two years ago, roughly. Time flies.

25 MS. ROSNER: Right. Okay. Was the relationship

1 between Mendez and [REDACTED] ex-wife -- was it his
2 ex-wife at the time they had the alleged relationship?

3 OFFICER McCLAIN: They might have been
4 separated. I don't think it was an ex at the time.

5 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

6 OFFICER McCLAIN: But the -- from what I recall,
7 there was the issue about domestic violence. LAPD
8 investigated it, they found it not to be true, but
9 because of the allegations, because of the restraining
10 order, he was put on administrative leave and ultimately
11 terminated. Even though the domestic violence issue was
12 never founded, all of these other things came up and then
13 they -- they wound up terminating him. That was kind of
14 the issue that he took. The issue we took is how come
15 he's being terminated if the domestic violence, the
16 initial complaint, wasn't founded, but --

17 MS. ROSNER: Right. There was a separate IA
18 investigation?

19 OFFICER McCLAIN: There was.

20 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And were you involved in
21 investigating that in any way?

22 OFFICER McCLAIN: No, I was just on the board at
23 the time, so I was made aware of the -- I mean, typically
24 with our board we're -- we're made aware of cases, just
25 not all the intimacy of the case.

1 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And with regard to what
2 [REDACTED] I think, [REDACTED] told Chief Gannon, what was the
3 Chief's response?

4 OFFICER McCLAIN: He was upset, visibly upset
5 that this was going on, but I -- from my position, I was
6 kind of -- I thought it was kind of comical, not that he
7 would -- would feign the being upset but for him to be
8 shocked by it when I know that he was made aware of
9 Lieutenant Mendez's proclivities and other things that
10 have happened in the past. So it wasn't a shocker to me
11 when I found out about it, and most people who have been
12 at this department, they're like, "Okay, that's Mendez."

13 MS. ROSNER: Well, how many -- when you say that
14 that's Mendez, what do you -- what does that mean? I've
15 never met him, so --

16 OFFICER McCLAIN: I've always gotten along with
17 him personally, but when you -- when you start talking to
18 individuals who have been around him, who've been with
19 this department long enough, people talk. And so when I
20 say it doesn't -- it's not a shock to most people who
21 have been here long enough because they've heard of the
22 situation about [REDACTED] and other individuals in the
23 department, not necessarily that were under
24 investigation, but about him being promiscuous.

25 MS. ROSNER: Okay. With other people, members'

1 significant others in the department, you mean?

2 OFFICER McCLAIN: Correct.

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

4 OFFICER McCLAIN: Well, not -- you know, don't
5 leave your girlfriend around Mendez.

6 MS. ROSNER: Okay. But you never saw Lieutenant
7 Mendez and [REDACTED] together?

8 OFFICER McCLAIN: No. I -- I don't socialize
9 with any of them outside of that, and not even
10 [REDACTED] I never saw that either.

11 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

12 OFFICER McCLAIN: But it's just -- that's what I
13 mean, it's common knowledge, but I don't socialize with
14 most people at work anyway, so --

15 MS. ROSNER: And other than the meeting with
16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and then the pictures, what else have you
17 heard in the department?

18 OFFICER McCLAIN: Well, when I say water cooler
19 talk, like say, for example, we're in the locker room or
20 in the watch, and by now everybody knows that [REDACTED]
21 [REDACTED] is out on admin leave, so people start talking
22 about what they know. And I typically try to tell them,
23 "Hey, you know what, knock it off because it's still
24 ongoing and you could hurt his case, but when people who
25 know her or know him are following the Instagram posts

1 and apparently there was a post at one point that she --
2 she mentioned she's moving up in the world or she's
3 upgrading or something to that effect. I think at one
4 point she had posted photos saying, you know, "This is
5 what this guy did to me," so --

6 MS. ROSNER: Meaning Officer [REDACTED]

7 OFFICER McCLAIN: Meaning Officer [REDACTED] so
8 other officers would talk and say, you know, "Is this
9 true?" And I was, like, "You know what, I can't comment
10 on it. I don't know. I haven't seen the pictures, so
11 you guys need to stop talking about it."

12 So when they start talking about Lieutenant
13 Mendez or other pictures being seen, that's when it
14 starts going, okay. What's going on here?

15 MS. ROSNER: What do -- what do they say about
16 Mendez and [REDACTED]

17 OFFICER McCLAIN: That her -- that his pictures
18 were showing up on her Instagram page.

19 MS. ROSNER: Any other pictures that were
20 mentioned to you other than the ones I showed you?

21 OFFICER McCLAIN: Not in detail, just that his
22 pictures were showing up on her -- on her Instagram page.

23 MS. ROSNER: Is there anyone that has -- to your
24 knowledge, that's alleged that they've seen them together
25 or anything like that?

1 OFFICER McCLAIN: Not that I'm aware of.

2 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And you've never spoken to
3 Lieutenant Mendez about this?

4 OFFICER McCLAIN: No.

5 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did you ever talk to [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED] further other than that meeting? Well, before
7 when she notified you and then the meeting with Chief
8 Gannon?

9 OFFICER McCLAIN: Yeah, before the meeting and
10 then after the meeting about that specifically.

11 MS. ROSNER: What did you guys talk about after
12 the meeting?

13 OFFICER McCLAIN: Just kind of, you know,
14 appalled that this was going on. You know, you have the
15 head of IA that's going after someone -- or I shouldn't
16 say going after -- investigating someone, and then you're
17 carrying on this way with the alleged victim. That's
18 just -- that's wrong on so many levels, not just the IA
19 part but, you know, a police officer, police officer,
20 you're -- you're messing with my girlfriend or my wife.
21 I mean, that's -- that's tough.

22 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Do you see a conflict of
23 interest if he had more than a professional relationship
24 with her?

25 OFFICER McCLAIN: Absolutely.

1 MS. ROSNER: Now, I guess do you see a conflict
2 if they, for example, let's say, attended this together
3 but -- I mean, do you know sitting here today that it's
4 more than a friendship, for example?

5 OFFICER McCLAIN: I do not.

6 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Would that be a conflict if
7 he was friends with her outside of the department?

8 OFFICER McCLAIN: I think it could be, the fact
9 that you're investigating her -- her better half or other
10 half, and how do you keep impartiality if you're friends
11 with that person? He should have somebody else
12 investigate it.

13 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Have you heard anything to
14 date as to whether or not they still have some type of
15 relationship?

16 OFFICER McCLAIN: I do not know. All [REDACTED] told
17 me was that the pictures started coming down once they
18 started investigating it, so I don't know if she got
19 tipped off, if he got tipped off, but they were posted
20 and then they started slowly coming down.

21 MS. ROSNER: And you mentioned the D.A.'s
22 office. Do you know, are they currently doing an
23 investigation into this?

24 OFFICER McCLAIN: She said they were. I don't
25 know what level that's at.

1 MS. ROSNER: So you don't know whether there's
2 been any resolution or outcome with regards to that, that
3 allegation?

4 OFFICER McCLAIN: I don't. I don't know if it's
5 still ongoing, if they came -- yeah, I don't know.

6 MS. ROSNER: You don't know.

7 OFFICER McCLAIN: I'm not that close to this
8 case.

9 MS. ROSNER: And I think you mentioned
10 Lieutenant Mendez's -- [REDACTED]

11 OFFICER McCLAIN: Mm-hmm.

12 MS. ROSNER: What's that?

13 OFFICER McCLAIN: As part of that lawsuit it
14 came out [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED]

16 MS. ROSNER: Was that while he was with the
17 airport police department?

18 OFFICER McCLAIN: Yes.

19 MS. ROSNER: Do you know whether the department
20 investigated him?

21 OFFICER McCLAIN: I do not know.

22 MS. ROSNER: Did you see any [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED] --

24 OFFICER McCLAIN: I did. I did see them.

25 MS. ROSNER: What did you see?

1 OFFICER McCLAIN: [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

6 MS. ROSNER: Do you know what you saw? [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]

8 OFFICER McCLAIN: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED]

12 MS. ROSNER: [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

14 [REDACTED]

15 OFFICER McCLAIN: No.

16 MS. ROSNER: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

17 OFFICER McCLAIN: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

19 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

20 OFFICER McCLAIN: So it wasn't --

21 MS. ROSNER: Recent.

22 OFFICER McCLAIN: It wasn't in the last decade,

23 not that I'm aware of, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED]

1 MS. ROSNER: Do you know how long Mendez has
2 been with the department?

3 OFFICER McCLAIN: Over 20 years.

4 MS. ROSNER: How long has he been in IA, do you
5 know?

6 OFFICER McCLAIN: Well, he had two different
7 stints. He was there as a sergeant, then he came out.
8 Was in patrol and traffic for a little bit, and then he
9 was promoted to lieutenant and came back as the
10 lieutenant over IA.

11 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

12 OFFICER McCLAIN: So I don't know the total
13 time, but he was two different times there. I say at
14 least two times.

15 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

16 OFFICER McCLAIN: Because there might have been
17 more.

18 MS. ROSNER: Got it. Is there anyone else that
19 would have -- you think that would have knowledge with
20 regard to his relationship with Ms. [REDACTED]

21 OFFICER McCLAIN: Probably some of the
22 detectives in the unit. The detectives in the unit.
23 I --

24 MS. ROSNER: Currently?

25 OFFICER McCLAIN: That are currently in the

1 unit, yes. There may be some that were still with the
2 department that are no longer in the unit, but I would --
3 I would assume folks in that capacity, because they
4 socialize outside of work, would know.

5 MS. ROSNER: Do you know of any offhand that
6 are -- you'd consider friends with Lieutenant Mendez?

7 OFFICER McCLAIN: I don't know if he has any
8 friends.

9 MS. ROSNER: Does he socialize with other
10 officers outside of work?

11 OFFICER McCLAIN: I don't know. He -- I
12 would -- [REDACTED] would know better than me, but I would
13 assume that individuals in that detective unit would know
14 more about if there is anything going on or not.

15 MS. ROSNER: Okay. I think that's probably all
16 I have. Do you recall when the meeting with Chief Gannon
17 was?

18 OFFICER McCLAIN: If you like, I can look on my
19 calendar.

20 MS. ROSNER: No, I think it's -- was it around,
21 like, November 23rd? Does that ring a bell?

22 OFFICER McCLAIN: That's probably right.

23 MS. ROSNER: By Thanksgiving?

24 OFFICER McCLAIN: Yeah, that sounds about right.
25 It was -- it was definitely -- yeah, it was in the month

1 of November.

2 MS. ROSNER: And when you spoke to [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
3 how long before the meeting was that?

4 OFFICER McCLAIN: I want to say we spoke that
5 month because she wanted to set up the meeting, and then
6 probably that week and then that -- then before we went
7 into an actual meeting. But she just gave me a ballpark
8 overview of what it was about, and then once we got in
9 the meeting, she showed the photos.

10 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did she sell -- tell Chief
11 Gannon -- other than these photos of this one incident or
12 event of any other information with regards to their --
13 this alleged relationship?

14 OFFICER McCLAIN: Just that there may be an
15 issue of destroyed evidence because of the pictures
16 were -- they were watching the picture, they were doing
17 screen captures and they were removed -- being removed,
18 and so it was kind of like why would they all of the
19 sudden be removed? And so if -- if Lieutenant Mendez is
20 telling her to remove them, then there might be an issue
21 there, and I think that's where the D.A.'s office came
22 in.

23 MS. ROSNER: Got it. Have you had any
24 communications with anyone from the D.A.'s office?

25 OFFICER McCLAIN: No.

1 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

2 OFFICER McCLAIN: Or I should say not about
3 this.

4 MS. ROSNER: I'm sorry. Yeah, about this
5 incident specifically.

6 Okay. Have you spoken to anyone else other than
7 who you've mentioned about this alleged relationship
8 between Lieutenant Mendez and Ms. [REDACTED]

9 OFFICER McCLAIN: I'm sure I mentioned it to my
10 vice-president.

11 MS. ROSNER: Okay. What have you talked about
12 with your vice-president?

13 OFFICER McCLAIN: Just that these are the
14 allegations.

15 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And you only became aware of
16 that in that meeting with Chief Gannon?

17 OFFICER McCLAIN: Well, I became aware of it by
18 [REDACTED] prior to the meeting, but not to the extent of what
19 was going on.

20 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

21 OFFICER McCLAIN: Or what she had, I should say,
22 those photos.

23 MS. ROSNER: Right. Do you know how long
24 Officer [REDACTED] and Ms. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] were dating?

25 OFFICER McCLAIN: If he brought her to the

1 Christmas party, I remember it would have been sometime.
2 I'd say a couple years, at least.

3 MS. ROSNER: But you don't recall meeting her?

4 OFFICER McCLAIN: I met a lot of people at the
5 Christmas party, so I believe he said that she was there,
6 because when it first came up, it's like, "Is this your
7 wife?" He's like, "No, my girlfriend. You met her at
8 the Christmas party."

9 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

10 OFFICER McCLAIN: I'm like, "Okay."

11 MS. ROSNER: But you've never seen Mendez with
12 him. Did you ever see Mendez with [REDACTED] wife or ex-wife?

13 OFFICER McCLAIN: No.

14 MS. ROSNER: Okay. That was just through
15 what -- was it what he told you?

16 OFFICER McCLAIN: Correct.

17 MS. ROSNER: Did anyone else tell you about that
18 relationship that Mendez was having with his wife, other
19 than [REDACTED]

20 OFFICER McCLAIN: With [REDACTED] yes.

21 MS. ROSNER: Who else told you about that?

22 OFFICER McCLAIN: Specifically, I don't know.
23 Yeah, I'm not too sure. I would say it was some senior
24 officers. Trying to remember the conversation.

25 MS. ROSNER: What was the nature of the

1 conversation?

2 OFFICER McCLAIN: Just in general about our IA
3 process and the way things are conducted kind of shoddily
4 and --

5 MS. ROSNER: Did you say "shoddy"?

6 OFFICER McCLAIN: Yeah.

7 MS. ROSNER: In what way?

8 OFFICER McCLAIN: Well, instead of doing the
9 investigation to find out the truth, it's more doing an
10 investigation to sustain the allegations and burn the
11 officer. And there's a general -- and I'm sure it is
12 with other departments too, but just kind of a general
13 perception of the individuals in IA not being forthright.
14 The running joke is that you have to get your third
15 strike to get your third stripe, meaning become a
16 sergeant, and I haven't seen anything to not give
17 credence to that joke.

18 MS. ROSNER: When you say "not forthcoming," are
19 you referring to the subjects or are you referring to the
20 investigators?

21 OFFICER McCLAIN: The investigators.

22 MS. ROSNER: And when you say they're not
23 forthright, in what way?

24 OFFICER McCLAIN: Doing -- when I say "shoddy
25 investigations," doing an investigation to sustain the

1 complaint rather than doing a complete and thorough
2 investigation and then let the chips fall where they may.
3 So there's been many of our members who when there's an
4 investigation they say, "Okay. Here's witnesses," but
5 those witnesses are never interviewed. Only the
6 witnesses that have something to say that helps sustain
7 the complaint. People who maybe help exonerate it,
8 oftentimes our IA never interviews them.

9 MS. ROSNER: Have you ever worked in IA?

10 OFFICER McCLAIN: I have not.

11 MS. ROSNER: Okay. I had one other question I
12 forgot. That's okay. I think that's all I have --

13 OFFICER McCLAIN: Okay.

14 MS. ROSNER: -- for you unless you have anything
15 else you want to add.

16 OFFICER McCLAIN: No. If I -- if I can recall
17 those names, I'll give them to you.

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay. That would be great. I'd
19 appreciate it.

20 OFFICER McCLAIN: It's just senior officers in
21 the department that either came up with Lieutenant Mendez
22 or been here long enough to know all the different
23 stories.

24 MS. ROSNER: What exactly -- I know you can't
25 remember their names, but what did they tell you?

1 OFFICER McCLAIN: When he was made lieutenant,
2 that's when, you know, people kind of said, "Wow, you
3 know, he still gets promoted." When he was made
4 lieutenant of IA, people were kind of shocked because the
5 Chief, Chief Gannon, was made aware of the issues with
6 Mendez [REDACTED] and some of the other
7 things that were talked about, and yet he was still made
8 a lieutenant and the head of IA.

9 MS. ROSNER: What things were talked about?

10 OFFICER McCLAIN: As far as, like I said, his
11 proclivities and the issue with [REDACTED] and other
12 stories of other individuals and their girlfriends or
13 wives and the [REDACTED].
14 And it's, like, okay, how does this guy become the head
15 of IA when he's kind of suspect himself?

16 MS. ROSNER: Oh, that's what I was going to ask
17 you, do you know, has Officer [REDACTED] investigation,
18 the IA investigation, concluded?

19 OFFICER McCLAIN: I don't know.

20 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Do you know who -- or
21 Lieutenant Mendez was conducting that?

22 OFFICER McCLAIN: I don't know if he was
23 directly. I --

24 MS. ROSNER: Or just overseeing it?

25 OFFICER McCLAIN: I have very little contact

1 with what his investigation was going on.

2 MS. ROSNER: Do you have any information that
3 that investigation was biased in any way?

4 OFFICER McCLAIN: I don't know.

5 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And you don't know what
6 Mendez's role in that investigation was, right?

7 OFFICER McCLAIN: No, I don't.

8 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Have you talked to anybody
9 about it? About the status of Officer [REDACTED]
10 investigation or Mendez's role in that?

11 OFFICER McCLAIN: No.

12 MS. ROSNER: Okay. With regards to his
13 proclivities that you talked about, other than Officer
14 [REDACTED] were there any other officers you remember
15 where there's allegations that he dated their significant
16 other?

17 OFFICER McCLAIN: There are, but I don't know --
18 I just recall there being others, but I don't know the
19 details of them.

20 MS. ROSNER: Do you recall whether they were
21 subjects of IAs or not?

22 OFFICER McCLAIN: I don't. That, I don't know.

23 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And Officer caring
24 [REDACTED] do you know whether that lawsuit has
25 resolved?

1 OFFICER McCLAIN: It has. He -- he did not
2 prevail.

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did it go to trial, do you
4 know?

5 OFFICER McCLAIN: I believe it did. Yeah, it
6 did. I'm pretty sure it did.

7 MS. ROSNER: Who are the other officers in the
8 lawsuit?

9 OFFICER McCLAIN: It -- at the time it was a
10 Sergeant [REDACTED] who is now Officer [REDACTED] and a
11 Sergeant [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who's been terminated, is actually
12 fighting for his job back.

13 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And I know you said it's a
14 reverse discrimination case, but you believe that's when
15 the allegation about Lieutenant Mendez and Officer
16 [REDACTED] wife surfaced -- or ex-wife?

17 OFFICER McCLAIN: No, I believe that surfaced
18 before. The -- the [REDACTED] about Lieutenant
19 Mendez surfaced during that investigation -- during that
20 lawsuit.

21 MS. ROSNER: I see. Okay. Regarding the
22 allegation with Mendez and [REDACTED] I think I asked
23 you this, but are you aware of any department action that
24 was -- well, do you know whether it was brought to the
25 attention of anyone in management in the department?

1 OFFICER McCLAIN: That, I don't know.

2 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Do you know whether a formal
3 complaint was filed?

4 OFFICER McCLAIN: I don't know that either.

5 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

6 OFFICER McCLAIN: I would assume so, but I don't
7 know for a fact that it was.

8 MS. ROSNER: Okay. You don't know whether
9 Officer [REDACTED] filed a complaint?

10 OFFICER McCLAIN: I don't, yes.

11 MS. ROSNER: Okay. I don't have anything
12 further.

13 OFFICER McCLAIN: Thank you.

14 MS. ROSNER: All right. Thank you very much,
15 and I will go off tape now.

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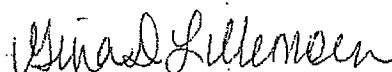
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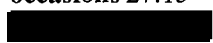
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5 MS. ROSNER: Okay. This is a digitally recorded
6 interview for IA Case 15-099. Today's date is
7 February 22nd, is that correct, 2016, and the time is
8 1:15. And my name is Jennifer Rosner and I will be
9 conducting this interview.

10 Present with me in this conference room is
11 Sergeant Handley, and I'll have him state his name and
12 spell it for the record. He's also been given
13 administrative orders, which he will read into the record
14 as well.

15 SERGEANT HANDLEY: My name is Sergeant William
16 Handley, H-a-n-d-l-e-y. My serial number is 03524. I
17 work for Airport Police Internal Affairs.

18 Prior to coming over here, I was ordered by
19 Lieutenant Vernon Williams. My administrative orders
20 stated I was ordered to answer all questions -- any and
21 all questions related to this investigation. If I refuse
22 to answer any questions, my silence could be deemed as
23 insubordination and may result in administrative
24 discipline.

25 He also ordered me to answer any and all

1 questions related to this investigation truthfully. If I
2 make any false or misleading statements, it is misconduct
3 and may result in administrative discipline.

4 I understand my administrative rights as have
5 been read to me. I signed a statement to that effect. I
6 also agree to answer questions related to investigation
7 voluntarily under threat of discipline, and it's my right
8 of refusal to do so, and I signed and dated that
9 advisement.

10 MS. ROSNER: Is that a copy?

11 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yes.

12 MS. ROSNER: You know, I might take that just
13 for whoever is transcribing this so that it might be
14 easier than -- okay.

15 So this is an investigation, as you know,
16 against -- an allegation of misconduct against another
17 officer. In terms of your involvement with either the
18 criminal or administrative affairs investigation against
19 Officer [REDACTED] what was your involvement?

20 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I was notified on the initial
21 date of the -- his arrest, which I believe --

22 MS. ROSNER: September 20th?

23 SERGEANT HANDLEY: -- is September 20th.

24 Happens to be [REDACTED]

25 MS. ROSNER: Oh, okay.

1 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I did not respond in to that
2 night. Lieutenant Joaquin Mendez was the on-call IA
3 investigator. I called and spoke with him. He said he
4 would handle it. I believe I told him that I was
5 contacted by Sergeant Iraldo and I contacted the Watch
6 Commander, or she said the Watch Commander was trying to
7 get ahold of Mendez, and then I either spoke to Mendez or
8 her right afterwards. I was in the middle of my dinner.
9 I was trying to get back to it as fast as I could, but,
10 you know, I was going to come in if I had to.

11 MS. ROSNER: So you were off duty on this date?

12 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yes.

13 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Approximately what time was
14 it when you were contacted?

15 SERGEANT HANDLEY: 5:30, I guess, six o'clock.

16 MS. ROSNER: And why were you contacted if you
17 were off duty?

18 SERGEANT HANDLEY: It's an IA case and I don't
19 think -- Sergeant Iraldo was contacted by somebody, and I
20 believe they were trying to get ahold of Mendez at first
21 and he didn't answer the phone right away, if I remember.
22 But we have a small unit, and depending on what it is,
23 you know, we give people a heads up in case we have to
24 come in.

25 MS. ROSNER: How many people are in the IA unit?

1 SERGEANT HANDLEY: There was the lieutenant and
2 then we have four sworn right now and two non-sworn
3 investigators.

4 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And was that the case as of
5 September --

6 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yeah.

7 MS. ROSNER: -- 2015?

8 Okay. So you have Lieutenant Mendez oversees
9 it?

10 SERGEANT HANDLEY: He was at the time, yes.

11 MS. ROSNER: At that time. And then there's
12 you. You're a sergeant.

13 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Sergeant. Me, Sergeant
14 Iraldo, Sergeant Belinda Nettles and Sergeant Ralph
15 Valencia.

16 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And is that it for sworn?

17 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yes.

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And what are your duties in
19 IA?

20 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I conduct administrative and
21 criminal investigations on Airport Police employees.

22 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And -- okay. So you were
23 contacted by who initially?

24 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I believe Sergeant Iraldo is
25 the one who contacted me.

1 MS. ROSNER: Was he the Watch Commander that
2 day?

3 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No, her.

4 MS. ROSNER: Her. Sorry.

5 SERGEANT HANDLEY: She's an IA investigator.

6 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And what did she tell you?

7 SERGEANT HANDLEY: [REDACTED] had been arrested, I
8 believe for 273.5, domestic violence, and he was in
9 custody.

10 MS. ROSNER: What -- can you spell her last
11 name?

12 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Iraldo, I-r-a-l-d-o.

13 MS. ROSNER: Oh, okay. Got it. And did you
14 then come in to either the department or --

15 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I didn't come in that day.

16 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did you respond to the
17 scene?

18 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No. I believe -- I don't
19 remember if I spoke to Mendez right then or -- I remember
20 I stepped out of the -- my dinner and I went outside and
21 I talked to Iraldo, and I think I talked to Mendez, and
22 he said he'd call in or whatever. And then I went back
23 to my dinner. The next day I came into work and I
24 started gathering information.

25 MS. ROSNER: What kind of information?

1 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I got a copy of the police
2 report. I believe Mendez and I went on the next day down
3 to [REDACTED] PD and we met with the victim, [REDACTED]
4 girlfriend, [REDACTED] That's her name she goes by.

5 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

6 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I can't -- [REDACTED] (sic) [REDACTED]

7 MS. ROSNER: [REDACTED]

8 SERGEANT HANDLEY: [REDACTED]

9 MS. ROSNER: Why did you go to meet with her?

10 SERGEANT HANDLEY: We had to get a statement on
11 tape.

12 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And she described what
13 happened on September 20th?

14 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yeah.

15 MS. ROSNER: And did you see -- well, was
16 Officer [REDACTED] still at [REDACTED] PD when you went down
17 there?

18 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No, he was released the night
19 prior or earlier that morning.

20 MS. ROSNER: And had you spoken to him as of the
21 time that you interviewed Ms. [REDACTED]

22 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I don't remember if I spoke
23 to him then. At some point we had ordered him, or Mendez
24 had already ordered him -- I don't remember if I did or
25 he did -- to come in because we were going to place him

1 on administrative leave officially.

2 MS. ROSNER: And when did you first talk to
3 Lieutenant Mendez about this case?

4 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I mean, it was probably -- I
5 think I talked to him shortly on September 20th for like
6 five minutes or so.

7 MS. ROSNER: About what?

8 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I mean, about him, if he was
9 going to respond or not respond or what was going to
10 happen. And then, yeah, I went back to my dinner and
11 then I saw him the next morning.

12 MS. ROSNER: What did he say in terms of whether
13 he was going to respond or not?

14 SERGEANT HANDLEY: You know, I don't remember if
15 he was going to go in or if they had already sent a
16 sergeant over there. I found out later on that they had
17 already sent a sergeant to go recover [REDACTED] firearm
18 and everything.

19 MS. ROSNER: Oh, to the home?

20 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No, to the [REDACTED] PD.

21 MS. ROSNER: Oh, okay.

22 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Because when an officer is
23 arrested, we want to make sure that -- sounds bad that,
24 you know, I have this on a regular basis that we have
25 procedures for this, but we want to get their police ID,

1 their airfield ID, and their firearm into our possession
2 as fast as possible so there's no mis-accountability for
3 that.

4 MS. ROSNER: Right. And did -- do you know now
5 whether Mendez responded either to [REDACTED] PD or to the
6 victim's home that night?

7 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I don't believe he did. Not
8 as far as I know, because it was Sergeant Ino that was
9 the one that responded to [REDACTED] PD and took possession
10 of the firearm.

11 MS. ROSNER: How do you spell Ino?

12 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I-n-o.

13 MS. ROSNER: And did -- then you spoke to
14 Lieutenant Mendez the following day?

15 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yeah.

16 MS. ROSNER: And what was the nature of that
17 conversation?

18 SERGEANT HANDLEY: That I was going to be
19 looking into the [REDACTED] case, or at least going with him
20 initially to get the paperwork started. We made contact
21 with the girlfriend. Mendez had already gotten some
22 information from another sergeant from LAPD. I can't
23 remember the guy's name that was [REDACTED] indirect
24 supervisor. He is an Airport Police supervisor in his
25 unit and an LAPD supervisor, and the LAPD supervisor had

1 been texted some photos from [REDACTED] girlfriend about
2 her injuries. And Mendez and that sergeant know each
3 other or Mendez and the LAPD lieutenant or captain know
4 each other, and he was given information. Then he sent
5 me the photos and then I printed them out.

6 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And were you assigned as the
7 lead investigator in the case against Officer [REDACTED]

8 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yes.

9 MS. ROSNER: And did you -- did you conduct all
10 of the Internal Affairs interviews?

11 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I'm trying to think if I
12 conducted them all. I mean, I believe I did all of them.

13 MS. ROSNER: The one with Ms. [REDACTED] was there a
14 reason why Lieutenant Mendez went with you?

15 SERGEANT HANDLEY: He was the on-call IA guy the
16 day before, and he said he was going to go. He's my
17 boss. I mean --

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And when you met with her to
19 get a statement, what was Lieutenant Mendez's involvement
20 with that?

21 SERGEANT HANDLEY: He did the asking questions
22 and everything, too.

23 MS. ROSNER: Oh, he was asking her questions,
24 also?

25 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yeah. On the transcript,

1 it's back and forth. I mean --

2 MS. ROSNER: Did he --

3 SERGEANT HANDLEY: -- we usually have two
4 investigators when we do interviews.

5 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did you have two
6 investigators when you did the other interviews as well?

7 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I think on all of them. The
8 ones with [REDACTED] PD, Lieutenant Mendez was there also
9 with me. The -- [REDACTED] two daughters, Mendez was with me
10 also at the courthouse. And for [REDACTED] he wasn't in
11 with me on that one. I had somebody else sit in.

12 MS. ROSNER: When you went to interview
13 Ms. [REDACTED] had you met her before?

14 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Never.

15 MS. ROSNER: Had -- do you know whether
16 Lieutenant Mendez had or not?

17 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I didn't ask him, you know.

18 MS. ROSNER: Did he seem familiar with her when
19 he saw her?

20 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Not really.

21 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

22 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No.

23 MS. ROSNER: Did he introduce himself?

24 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I believe so.

25 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

1 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I mean, I don't remember if
2 he had -- you know, he had arranged the time and
3 everything, so I'm assuming they talked ahead of that.

4 MS. ROSNER: Okay. But you don't know if he had
5 met her prior through [REDACTED] or some other means?

6 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No.

7 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And then after the
8 interview, what did you guys discuss, if anything?

9 SERGEANT HANDLEY: We went from there over to
10 [REDACTED] PD and -- to gather information, and we tried
11 to -- the two [REDACTED] PD officers that arrested [REDACTED]
12 the day prior were working that day and went and
13 interviewed them.

14 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

15 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Just rolling along with the
16 investigation.

17 MS. ROSNER: Did you keep Lieutenant Mendez
18 apprised of the investigation?

19 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yeah, everything. Everything
20 I did, every step of the way.

21 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did you ever go with
22 Lieutenant Mendez to Ms. [REDACTED] home to get paperwork?

23 SERGEANT HANDLEY: The home with [REDACTED] or a
24 different home?

25 MS. ROSNER: To -- well, I guess she was living

1 with [REDACTED] so I believe it would have been his home --
2 [REDACTED] home.

3 SERGEANT HANDLEY: The one time I ever went to
4 [REDACTED] home I believe was the day I interviewed
5 [REDACTED] I know they had to go back there because they
6 were going to issue the restraining order to [REDACTED] and
7 there was an issue about which copy and back and forth.
8 And I was in a leadership class and I was -- I believe I
9 was out of town the next day when they were -- that was
10 going on.

11 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did you ever -- I guess
12 he -- well, he was arrested, and then did he go home
13 after that when they released him?

14 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I think he was ordered not to
15 go home for, like, one day. I'm not positive on the
16 exact time frame.

17 MS. ROSNER: So she could move out?

18 SERGEANT HANDLEY: She could move out.

19 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And then he --

20 SERGEANT HANDLEY: And that was the day that we
21 interviewed her at his house, the 21st.

22 MS. ROSNER: Oh, so you went to his house to
23 interview her? That's where the interview took place?

24 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yeah.

25 MS. ROSNER: Oh, okay. Did you -- so then after

1 he moved back home, did you ever go to see Ms. [REDACTED] for
2 any reason?

3 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I saw her at court a few
4 weeks later and I talked to her several times on the
5 phone.

6 MS. ROSNER: Did you ever go to her residence
7 after the date that you interviewed her for --

8 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I don't believe so.

9 MS. ROSNER: -- to pick up paperwork or anything
10 like that? You don't believe so.

11 Did --

12 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No. She said she lives in [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED] now. I've never been out there.

14 MS. ROSNER: Did Lieutenant Mendez go to her
15 home at any point, that you're aware of, to go get
16 paperwork or something?

17 SERGEANT HANDLEY: There was something about the
18 restraining order, and I don't remember if he had to pick
19 up a copy from her before they served it to him. There
20 was some issue that she had gave us a copy of the
21 restraining order the day we were there and I either not
22 got the full copy or I picked up the wrong copy or I left
23 him with not the right copy.

24 MS. ROSNER: And then so do you know why he --
25 why he went to her home as opposed to, I mean, I don't

1 know, getting it from Officer [REDACTED]

2 SERGEANT HANDLEY: They were trying to serve
3 [REDACTED] the paperwork.

4 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So he had to go get a full
5 complete copy of it.

6 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yeah.

7 MS. ROSNER: So what you had from her the date
8 you interviewed her was not the full copy?

9 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I don't remember the whole
10 thing. If I -- whatever Mendez had at the time, it was
11 not the completed copy of the restraining order. You
12 know, there's several pages and, you know, I don't know
13 if I had a -- I grabbed like -- I had different
14 paperwork, so I either had the original copy on my desk
15 and one in a notebook or the other way around and he
16 didn't have the full copy.

17 MS. ROSNER: Got it. So when he went back to
18 get that from her, was that the same day or the day
19 after?

20 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I don't know. Probably the
21 day after, because I didn't go.

22 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And that was in order to
23 then serve -- so did Los Angeles World Airport Department
24 serve [REDACTED] with the restraining order?

25 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yes.

1 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Do you know who served him?

2 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I believe Mendez did.

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And did he -- you didn't go
4 with him, I take it, based on what you're telling me, to
5 pick up the paperwork from Ms. [REDACTED] the second time?

6 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No. And I can't remember if
7 I -- I had to go home for some reason or if that was the
8 day I was leaving for my leadership class.

9 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And when you went to go
10 interview her at [REDACTED] home, was [REDACTED] PD there --

11 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No.

12 MS. ROSNER: -- at the time of the interview?
13 Okay. So it was just the three of you?

14 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yeah.

15 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And did she have an attorney
16 at the time when you interviewed her?

17 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No. I mean --

18 MS. ROSNER: At the -- present.

19 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No, no one present with her,
20 no.

21 MS. ROSNER: Right. Okay.

22 SERGEANT HANDLEY: It was just her, me and
23 Lieutenant Mendez.

24 MS. ROSNER: So then after you interviewed her,
25 what did you do next as part of your investigation?

1 SERGEANT HANDLEY: That's when we went to
2 [REDACTED] PD to interview the two PD officers.

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And then what was the next
4 step after that?

5 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I requested a bunch of
6 information from [REDACTED] PD, copies of audio tapes,
7 photographs; you know, normal stuff I would ask for,
8 paperwork. I brought that back and, you know, I think I
9 contacted -- I think after that we contacted [REDACTED] to
10 have him come in to issue him the -- the formal
11 administrative leave paperwork.

12 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

13 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I think we gave that to him
14 in the parking lot across the street from the station.
15 I'm not positive.

16 MS. ROSNER: Did you -- and you indicated you
17 attended some court hearings or a court hearing?

18 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yeah.

19 MS. ROSNER: What was the purpose of -- of that?

20 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I've done it for other people
21 in the past, too, where I've attended hearings. It's to
22 get the firsthand knowledge of what's going on in the
23 hearing so we can notify the chain of command right away
24 if something happens instead of hearing it from the
25 officer. If an officer is on trial or whatever and he

1 cuts a plea deal, I might not get the full story if we're
2 not there.

3 MS. ROSNER: So it's not uncommon in an IA
4 investigation involving potential criminal allegations
5 for someone in IA to go to the court hearings?

6 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No. I mean, I -- if I know
7 they're going to testify on the stand, that's when I
8 really want to be there. So if he's saying something in
9 open court, or her, whoever that person is, and that's
10 different than what they're going to tell me, you know, I
11 want to --

12 MS. ROSNER: Right.

13 SERGEANT HANDLEY: -- have that information.

14 MS. ROSNER: What about restraining order
15 hearings, do you typically go to those where an officer
16 is involved?

17 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I went to one before this,
18 you know, and, yeah, turned out our officer got arrested
19 while he was in court that day, you know, so it was kind
20 of good I was there.

21 MS. ROSNER: Right. Right. When you went, what
22 was the hearing for?

23 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I believe it was the
24 initial --

25 MS. ROSNER: Restraining order?

1 SERGEANT HANDLEY: -- restraining order one.

2 MS. ROSNER: And did Mendez go with you to that?

3 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yeah. There was already one
4 or two hearings. It might not have been the initial one,
5 but there was, like, one or two hearings either before or
6 after that that I didn't go to that Sergeant Iraldo went
7 to.

8 MS. ROSNER: With Lieutenant Mendez?

9 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yeah.

10 MS. ROSNER: But he -- he went with you to the
11 one you attended?

12 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yeah.

13 MS. ROSNER: And is it customary for the
14 lieutenant to go to the hearing?

15 SERGEANT HANDLEY: He had gone with the other
16 cases with me.

17 MS. ROSNER: In the other -- not -- you mean --
18 you're talking about not [REDACTED] other officer?

19 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No, he had gone with the
20 other interviews with me on [REDACTED] --

21 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

22 SERGEANT HANDLEY: -- so he's familiar with the
23 case. And it's kind of the weird thing, because the
24 lieutenant is on the on-call list, so he's doing more of
25 the hands-on work the week he is on call.

1 MS. ROSNER: Right.

2 SERGEANT HANDLEY: You know, compared to other
3 weeks. With Lieutenant Williams, the current lieutenant,
4 he was the previous lieutenant also, I haven't worked
5 that many cases with him, but the prior lieutenant,
6 Lieutenant Beacom, who is a Sergeant Beacom now, he was a
7 sergeant and an acting lieutenant in IA and I had done
8 cases with him that way, too, you know.

9 MS. ROSNER: Which way?

10 SERGEANT HANDLEY: With work, that he was a
11 lieutenant and he went with me also to go do interviews.

12 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

13 SERGEANT HANDLEY: You know.

14 MS. ROSNER: So you didn't think it was unusual
15 that Lieutenant Mendez was going to court to these
16 restraining order hearings?

17 SERGEANT HANDLEY: You know, it didn't seem that
18 far out of the ordinary.

19 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

20 SERGEANT HANDLEY: You know.

21 MS. ROSNER: And there's no policy governing who
22 goes or anything like that?

23 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No. I mean, he's the --
24 whoever the lieutenant is is the boss.

25 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

1 SERGEANT HANDLEY: You know. I mean, knowing
2 the allegations now, I mean --

3 MS. ROSNER: When -- under Lieutenant Beacom or
4 Williams, did you have any domestic violence cases?

5 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I had one before, and I think
6 it's been under all three of them. You know, it's been
7 the same person multiple times.

8 MS. ROSNER: Not [REDACTED]

9 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No. He's a different officer
10 and he's had multiple issues. He's come in and out.

11 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did you go to those
12 restraining order hearings as well?

13 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I've been to two, I think,
14 for him, and I've had to go to, you know, see him in jail
15 and everything before, too.

16 MS. ROSNER: And did any of those lieutenants go
17 to the restraining order hearings in that case?

18 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I don't think so.

19 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

20 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I think it was Iraldo that
21 went with me -- Iraldo was with me the one time, I think,
22 when it went bad and he wound up getting arrested. And
23 before that, I don't know if anybody went with me or if I
24 just went by myself.

25 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So it's not unusual for an

1 officer to go, and in some cases it may -- the lieutenant
2 may have a reason to -- to go to the hearing instead
3 of --

4 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yeah. I mean --

5 MS. ROSNER: -- delegating it to the sergeant?

6 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yeah.

7 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

8 SERGEANT HANDLEY: If he has a slow day or, you
9 know, it's his choice, I mean.

10 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And so what happened at that
11 restraining order hearing?

12 SERGEANT HANDLEY: It got postponed right away.

13 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Do you recall which one it
14 was or when it -- when it was that you went?

15 SERGEANT HANDLEY: And if it was a restraining
16 order, it would have been the criminal case --

17 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

18 SERGEANT HANDLEY: -- but I'm not sure, you
19 know. But Lieutenant Mendez said he had also spoken
20 to --

21 MS. ROSNER: [REDACTED]

22 SERGEANT HANDLEY: -- [REDACTED] and her two
23 daughters were going to be present. She had asked them
24 [REDACTED] so they could testify in court and made
25 them available to the D.A., and that was another reason

1 why we were going to go is because we were going to
2 interview the daughters.

3 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And do you recall
4 approximately when this was? November? December?

5 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I would guess it was probably
6 either late October or November. I could get the date
7 for you and Email you tomorrow.

8 MS. ROSNER: Okay. That would be great.

9 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Because it would be on the
10 day of my --

11 MS. ROSNER: Calendar?

12 SERGEANT HANDLEY: -- on my interviews of her,
13 her two daughters.

14 MS. ROSNER: Oh, okay.

15 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I Emailed you prior. I don't
16 know if I have --

17 MS. ROSNER: Got it. Yeah, I have the -- I
18 thought it was a telephone interview.

19 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No, for the two daughters, I
20 did it in person.

21 MS. ROSNER: It was in person. Oh, okay. Then
22 I should have that date.

23 Okay. So Lieutenant Mendez interviewed the
24 daughters with you?

25 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yeah, he was in the room.

1 MS. ROSNER: And where did you interview them?

2 SERGEANT HANDLEY: In a witness room at the
3 courthouse.

4 MS. ROSNER: Did you see Officer [REDACTED]

5 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I talked to him. He was at
6 court that day. I talked with him and his attorney.

7 MS. ROSNER: What did you guys talk about?

8 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I notified him I was going to
9 push forward with the case, that the case had been
10 extended, you know, past the first of the year and I
11 wasn't going to wait any longer. I told him the case --
12 I had to move forward.

13 MS. ROSNER: Did -- was Lieutenant Mendez with
14 you during that conversation?

15 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yeah.

16 MS. ROSNER: Did you guys discuss with Officer
17 [REDACTED] Ms. [REDACTED] Instagram account --

18 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I don't remember.

19 MS. ROSNER: -- or what she was posting on
20 Instagram at that time?

21 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I know his attorney has said
22 so many things to me about, you know, her and, you know,
23 what they're doing at the time and everything, you know,
24 and I don't know.

25 MS. ROSNER: You don't recall if that was the

1 conversation that day?

2 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yeah, and -- and, I mean --
3 and there's so much, I know, kind of bashing from the
4 attorney side. I'm not saying the attorneys always bash
5 or anything, but some of the stuff I just -- you know, I
6 agree and I move forward, you know.

7 MS. ROSNER: Right.

8 SERGEANT HANDLEY: It's not information always
9 that I can use in my case and, you know, I never want to
10 offend the person I'm talking to because, you know, I'm
11 going to be dealing with that person for years to come,
12 you know, while I'm in IA because they're the attorney
13 for the other side.

14 MS. ROSNER: Right. Do you -- did -- did
15 Lieutenant Mendez speak to Ms. [REDACTED] when you were -- in
16 your presence that day?

17 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yeah, I mean, at some point
18 he did, yeah, because, yes, he went back and forth and
19 got the daughters and everything.

20 MS. ROSNER: Okay. What was that conversation
21 like?

22 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I don't remember.

23 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Nothing out of the
24 ordinary --

25 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No.

1 MS. ROSNER: -- that you recall?

2 Okay. Did he seem, again, you know, on that day
3 very familiar with her? Friendly? Anything?

4 SERGEANT HANDLEY: He's friendly, smile, you
5 know, and everything.

6 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did you observe him touching
7 her in any way?

8 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No.

9 MS. ROSNER: Anything like that? No.

10 Did it come to your attention at some point --
11 well, let me back up. Other than that court hearing,
12 have you been to any other court hearings regarding this
13 case?

14 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I have asked Mendez several
15 times after that if I should go or whatever, because it
16 was just -- it seemed like it kept going, and when I had
17 talked to [REDACTED] attorney, you know, it was, like,
18 we're probably just going to postpone it or whatever. So
19 it seemed like there was going to be a lot of court cases
20 and, you know, when I talked to him about it and
21 everything, it was like, you know, you don't need to go,
22 you know, to everything.

23 So I contacted [REDACTED] and I also spoke with his
24 attorney and I -- you know, I have a relationship with,
25 and either one or both of them would call me after the

1 court trial or whatever was going on that day and they
2 would tell me it got postponed again. And it's still
3 even going on now, you know.

4 MS. ROSNER: Do you know if -- yeah, I know
5 trial is, I think, March 7th. Are you planning to
6 attend?

7 SERGEANT HANDLEY: When they -- during the
8 procedural days, probably not, but when it actually goes
9 to trial, I'll probably attend.

10 MS. ROSNER: Did -- do you know if Mendez --
11 Lieutenant Mendez attended any court hearings after the
12 one that he went to with you?

13 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I don't know.

14 MS. ROSNER: Do you know if he attended any
15 court hearings prior to the one that he went to with you?

16 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I believe the ones he went to
17 with Sergeant Iraldo.

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And what was the purpose for
19 that?

20 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Same thing, he was just going
21 to go to see what was going to happen.

22 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did he talk to you about
23 those prior court hearings?

24 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I think he said he was there,
25 you know, and, yeah, whatever had -- you know, it got

1 postponed both times, and I think that's what he told me.

2 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

3 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yeah.

4 MS. ROSNER: Do you know if he had to get any
5 additional paperwork from Ms. [REDACTED] other than what you
6 guys did, the restraining order packet that you guys
7 picked up at her house?

8 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I don't remember. I mean, at
9 one point Lieutenant Mendez sent me a link to her
10 Instagram page. I don't know, I think he said it was
11 from one of the -- the LAPD people sent it to him. And I
12 looked at it and, you know, it had a couple of photos
13 from her with the eye and everything and some -- I can't
14 remember what the statement was.

15 MS. ROSNER: Why did he send that to you?

16 SERGEANT HANDLEY: To show me what she had
17 posted or whatever.

18 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

19 SERGEANT HANDLEY: You know.

20 MS. ROSNER: Did he tell you anything else about
21 her Instagram account?

22 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No. I looked at what I could
23 see on there. I don't -- I'm not a member of Instagram.

24 MS. ROSNER: Right.

25 SERGEANT HANDLEY: So I looked at a few photos

1 and everything.

2 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Did you ever become aware
3 that -- of an allegation that Lieutenant Mendez had more
4 than a professional relationship with Ms. [REDACTED]

5 SERGEANT HANDLEY: After I heard he got placed
6 on administrative leave.

7 MS. ROSNER: Okay. So prior to him being put on
8 administrative leave, you were not aware.

9 Did [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ever tell you that she believes
10 that they had a relationship?

11 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I didn't speak to her about
12 it before then. A couple -- about a week prior to him
13 getting placed on administrative leave, I saw [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED] and Marshall McClain in the parking lot talking to
15 each other. And they happened to be standing right
16 behind my car, you know, and I joked around with them
17 when I was walking to my car, and I said, "Hey, I don't
18 get too comfortable with the union -- the union president
19 and the union attorney standing by my vehicle."

20 MS. ROSNER: Right.

21 SERGEANT HANDLEY: You know, and Marshall and I
22 got hired the same day, so we've been -- known each other
23 forever. So they stepped aside and they made a joke or
24 whatever, and I guess that was the day they met with the
25 chief and made, you know, the above allegation.

1 MS. ROSNER: Did you talk to either of them
2 about that allegation?

3 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Didn't talk to them about it,
4 but I happened to call Mendez, because he was my boss,
5 and usually when [REDACTED] and Marshall are there it's for
6 usually -- a lot of times it's for some kind of IA thing,
7 like a Skelly hearing or whatever. So I happened to call
8 Mendez that day and I told him I saw them there.

9 MS. ROSNER: Where, just at the department?

10 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yeah, they were going in the
11 building, you know.

12 MS. ROSNER: You called him just to tell him
13 that you saw them?

14 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yeah, because thinking that
15 he might be going down to a Skelly hearing or whatever.

16 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

17 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yeah, a lot of times, you
18 know -- you know, because if the two of them are there,
19 it's usually something to do with us.

20 MS. ROSNER: Did he -- what did he say?

21 SERGEANT HANDLEY: He said, "Oh, I wonder what
22 they were here for."

23 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

24 SERGEANT HANDLEY: You know.

25 MS. ROSNER: Did -- you don't have any

1 conversations with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] though, about this
2 allegation?

3 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Not before that, no.

4 MS. ROSNER: Not before what?

5 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Not before that day, you
6 know.

7 MS. ROSNER: What about after?

8 SERGEANT HANDLEY: After that, she's, you know,
9 made statements, you know, a couple times when I've
10 talked to her that, you know, she's been contacted by,
11 like, the D.A.'s office and, you know, her investigators
12 have looked at things or whatever. I said I'm not
13 handling the thing and that, you though, and that's our
14 law firm that'd be handling it.

15 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And your conversations with
16 her, was that in the course and scope of her just
17 updating you about the criminal case?

18 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yeah, usually when it's --
19 the only time I ever speak with her is in either for an
20 interview about for one thing or another. I mean, I
21 don't, you know, call and talk to her as I'm driving down
22 the street.

23 MS. ROSNER: Right. What about Marshall -- is
24 it McClain?

25 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Marshall McClain.

1 MS. ROSNER: Did you have any conversations with
2 him about the allegation?

3 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I don't think we specifically
4 spoke about it. You know, I think at one point we talked
5 about something and he made a comment, a joke around,
6 "Oh, you know, your lieutenant," or something like that,
7 but, you know, that's about it, and I --

8 MS. ROSNER: That you would be lieutenant?

9 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No. No, he was making a joke
10 about, you know, Mendez being my lieutenant.

11 MS. ROSNER: Oh, okay.

12 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I've dealt with Marshall for
13 so long, you know, and he knows my job and I know his
14 job, so we try not to, you know --

15 MS. ROSNER: Cross?

16 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Cross, yeah.

17 MS. ROSNER: Did you ever see Ms. [REDACTED]
18 Instagram account pages?

19 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I mean, I've looked at them
20 just when Mendez sent me the link, and a couple times
21 after that I looked to see if it was updated with, like,
22 new pictures or whatever to see if there was anything
23 about, you know, the injuries or anything else on there.

24 MS. ROSNER: Did you ever see Lieutenant Mendez
25 on --

1 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No.

2 MS. ROSNER: -- in any of her pictures? No?

3 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No.

4 MS. ROSNER: Did you ever see the pictures of
5 his car at the 6th Street Bridge festival --

6 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No.

7 MS. ROSNER: -- that was on her Instagram
8 account? Never?

9 Okay. Did you talk to anyone else about this
10 allegation of -- or did you hear from anyone that
11 Lieutenant Mendez may be having a more-than-professional
12 relationship with Ms. [REDACTED]

13 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Sergeant Iraldo said
14 something one day about him speaking to her in Spanish,
15 you know, and that she said, you know, something about,
16 you know, "He shouldn't be messing with that" or, you
17 know, "Better not be messing with that," but not that,
18 you know, he was having an affair, but, you know --

19 MS. ROSNER: Did he -- did she indicate that
20 they were flirting or something like that?

21 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Just speaking in Spanish in
22 front of her and, you know, since she doesn't understand
23 what they're talking about, you know --

24 MS. ROSNER: Right. When you went to interview
25 Ms. [REDACTED] with Lieutenant Mendez, did they speak in

1 Spanish at all?

2 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I don't remember, you know.

3 I don't think it's uncommon when, you know, people do it.

4 It happens so much in front of me.

5 MS. ROSNER: Right. But you don't recall

6 whether on that date? Okay.

7 And I think you indicated, so you never met her

8 prior to when you interviewed her?

9 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Not that I know of, I mean.

10 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And you don't know whether

11 or not Lieutenant Mendez had?

12 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No.

13 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Are you friends with Officer

14 [REDACTED] socially?

15 SERGEANT HANDLEY: You know, I don't hang out

16 with him and everything, you know. He worked for me when

17 I was on the -- in patrol. I've gotten along with him.

18 If I would work overtime detail with him, I can't say I

19 have had lunch with him or dinner with him, but it

20 wouldn't be uncommon. [REDACTED]

21 [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED] If he called me or texted me, he has my personal

25 phone number. I mean, I have a friendly relationship

1 with him, but, I mean --

2 MS. ROSNER: With [REDACTED] you're talking about?

3 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yeah.

4 MS. ROSNER: What about with Lieutenant [REDACTED]

5 SERGEANT HANDLEY: With?

6 MS. ROSNER: Lieutenant [REDACTED] do you guys --

7 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Mendez?

8 MS. ROSNER: Sorry. Mendez. [REDACTED]

9 Mendez. Do you ever socialize with him outside of work?

10 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Him and I, we went to
11 Virginia Beach together for an IA conference. You know,
12 same thing, I'd have to hang out with him, have dinner.
13 I would talk to him about work stuff and everything, but,
14 you know, I know where he lives because -- you know, but
15 I don't go hang out.

16 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Is he married, Lieutenant
17 Mendez?

18 SERGEANT HANDLEY: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED]

20 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And did you in your
21 interviews for as part of the IA, did anyone raise the
22 issue of Lieutenant Mendez having a relationship in any
23 way with Ms. [REDACTED]

24 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No, not in the interviews.

25 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Or raise any allegation

1 about him going, like why is he going to the court
2 hearings, anything like that?

3 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No.

4 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Now, are your -- is your
5 investigation finished? Or are you holding it open until
6 the criminal?

7 SERGEANT HANDLEY: At this point, I've submitted
8 the thing. It's still getting reviewed. The -- no
9 determination is made. I don't make the determination.

10 MS. ROSNER: Okay. That goes to?

11 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Lieutenant Williams. I did
12 like another edit, you know, yesterday and today.

13 MS. ROSNER: Would it normally have gone to
14 Lieutenant Mendez?

15 SERGEANT HANDLEY: It would have gone to
16 Lieutenant Mendez.

17 MS. ROSNER: Okay.

18 SERGEANT HANDLEY: He had talked about one time
19 about him not reviewing the case because he was involved
20 in the initial inset.

21 MS. ROSNER: Oh, the interviews?

22 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yes.

23 MS. ROSNER: Okay. I think that is -- let me
24 see if there's anything else I have. Did he ever --
25 Lieutenant Mendez, did he ever indicate to you that he

1 went to the 6th Street Bridge festival?

2 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No.

3 MS. ROSNER: No?

4 SERGEANT HANDLEY: I mean --

5 MS. ROSNER: And he didn't indicate that he ran
6 into her there or anything like that? Nothing.

7 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No.

8 MS. ROSNER: So he never indicated to you that
9 he saw her outside of this investigation --

10 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No.

11 MS. ROSNER: -- ever?

12 Okay. Did -- have you heard from anyone else,
13 other than who we've spoken about, that -- the potential
14 that they were having a relationship?

15 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No.

16 MS. ROSNER: Okay. Do you believe in the
17 interviews that Lieutenant Mendez attended with you --
18 well, I guess it was just Ms. [REDACTED] right?

19 SERGEANT HANDLEY: [REDACTED] and her daughters.

20 MS. ROSNER: And the daughters.

21 SERGEANT HANDLEY: And the [REDACTED] PD officers.

22 MS. ROSNER: That he was impartial?

23 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yeah, there was nothing -- I
24 mean --

25 MS. ROSNER: Unprofessional?

1 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yeah.

2 MS. ROSNER: Okay. And same thing with him
3 going to the court hearings, did -- did you believe he
4 was doing that pursuant to his official job duties?

5 SERGEANT HANDLEY: Yeah.

6 MS. ROSNER: Not out of any personal interest?

7 Okay. I don't think I have anything else. Is
8 there anything else that you have to share with me that
9 you believe is relevant to this investigation?

10 SERGEANT HANDLEY: No, not that I can think of.

11 MS. ROSNER: Okay. All right. It is 1:50 and
12 we'll go off record.

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